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Ford says silver spoon offset by his blue collar

Class warfare. Doug defends his wealth as he continues assault on 'privileged' Tory

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Doug Ford declared Friday "Take John Tory to Work Day" and launched class warfare on the front-running candidate.

"John Tory is a man who is out of touch," said Ford at a press conference Wednesday.

Ford spoke about how at Tuesday night's debate he'd asked Tory if he knew what committee "handles purchasing" and how many standing committees the city has, and Tory knew neither.

"He's a guy who doesn't understand the job of a mayor and doesn't understand city hall," said Ford. "Folks, this is not the time for on-the-job training."

Ford publicly invited Tory to city hall for "Take John Tory to Work Day" and asked the public — teachers, nurses, police officers and factory workers — to take Tory to work with them too.

"Show John what it's like to do an honest day's work," said Ford. "It's important your mayor understands you and not just the privileged few."

Ford took a question about his own privilege. His father, Doug Ford Sr., was an MPP and ran a successful printing company that Doug inherited. The Globe and Mail estimated the Ford family's real-estate holdings alone are worth more than $10 million.

However, Doug said he had to work hard.

"I grew up working in my dad's factory," he said. "We had a small, little printing company 30 years ago. We probably had 25 employees. I worked day-in and day-out, 18 hours a day. I went down to the United States to grow a Canadian company, by myself, without my father."

Ford claimed Tory's godfather, Ted Rogers, "handed" him the position of president and CEO of Rogers and that Tory was "parachuted in" as the commissioner of the CFL and as chief of staff for former premier Bill Davis.

"It's who John Tory and the Torys are that got his position," said Ford. "Does John Tory understand that in any job, you've got to do your time, you've got to be a councillor? There's a reason why, since inception of this city, there has never been a mayor elected who did not sit on council."

Tory's campaign responded in a statement saying that Ford "says a lot of questionable and offensive things" and pointed out that he missed more than half of council votes this year.

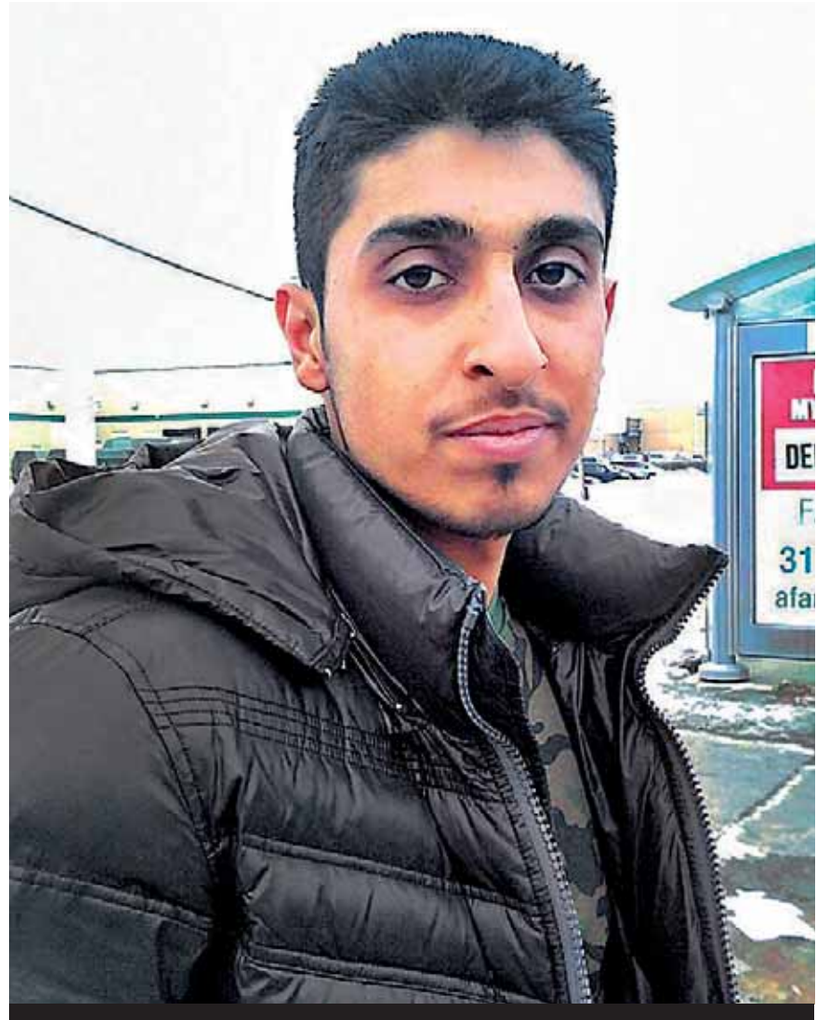
"Talk about 'on the job training,' Doug Ford helped get his old family friend David Price a job in the mayor's office at $130,000 a year," the statement said.

"Price didn't have a shred of practical experience, but that didn't seem to bother the Fords, who love to talk about watching every tax dollar."

Strategist's take

According to strategist Brian Kelcey, who ran David Soknacki's campaign, the Fords aim to appeal to voters who feel excluded, "despite the fact ... Rob and Doug Ford both inherited ... their wealth and are behaving as if they can inherit the other's political positions."

- However, Kelcey said the Fords haven't delivered on their promises to care about and understand the needs of ordinary people.



HOURS TOO LONG

The traumatized family of Hamid Aminzada, who was stabbed to death at North Albion Collegiate Institute on Tuesday, is pleading with authorities to immediately turn over the 19-year-old's body so they can bury him. Following Afghan tradition, the family wants to proceed with burial as soon as possible, but police have told them they may keep the body for up to 72 hours. Story, page 3. FACEBOOK

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ABANDONED
An exhibit by photographer Giulio Muratori called Abandoned (The Daughter Project), to help combat the trafficking and abuse of young girls, is at Goodfellas Gallery. digital-imprint.ca.

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AUSTEN ZOMBIES
Game of Thrones' Lena Headey and Charles Dance have signed on for the adaptation of zomb-lit hit Pride and Prejudice and Zombies, based on Seth Graeme-Smith's 2009 modification of the Jane Austen classic.

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HOME DEPOT
Some lenders are preparing to reissue credit or debit cards to customers to head off possible losses following the Home Depot data breach, Capital One Financial and JPMorgan Chase & Co. said Wednesday.

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ANTI-DENGUE MOSQUITOES
Brazilian researchers have freed a batch of mosquitoes with a dengue-blocking bacteria they hope can combat the tropical disease naturally as part of a global project.

Teen's burial delayed

School stabbing. Relatives plea for body to be released sooner

He was a model student who tried to break up a fight at school, and paid for it with his life, becoming the second student in Toronto's history to be killed inside a school.

Now, the traumatized family of Hamid Aminzada, stabbed to death at North Albion Collegiate Institute on Tuesday, is pleading with authorities to immediately turn over the 19-year-old's body so they can say goodbye and bury him.

Under Afghan tradition, the family wants to proceed with burial as soon as possible, but police have told them they may keep the body for up to 72 hours.

"Seventy-two hours would be like 72 years," said Zahira Sadat, a cousin of Aminzada's father, Sabir.

"The sooner he will be released, the more peaceful we will be ... He needs to be close to the family at this point."

Aminzada's large Afghan family huddled at his father's apartment near North Albion in Etobicoke on Wednesday, as more details emerged about his death, and the accused in his murder, a 17-year-old boy, made his first court appearance. Police say Aminzada was stabbed while trying to intervene in a dispute between two students in the school's hallway.

"I was at my locker and Hamid came in and was trying to separate the two," a Grade 9 student told Torstar News Service Wednesday morning. According to the student, the suspect drew a knife and warned Aminzada not to touch him. The witness said Aminzada pushed the suspect, who allegedly slashed him across the face before plunging the blade into his stomach.

According to a 15-year-old former classmate, a friend had asked Aminzada to pray for him before a difficult test. "You pray not from your mouth, but from your heart," Aminzada apparently told his peer. He was killed only minutes later.

Sabir Aminzada told reporters in the lobby of his apartment building Wednesday that he's now too scared to let his other children go to school.

Stopping to gather himself as his voice broke with emotion, Sabir described his son as generous and kind, always willing to help out at home.

Aminzada was also running for student president and was great with his little brothers and sisters too, said Sadat.

"It's a very, very tragic moment for all of us," she said, asking for privacy as the family continues to mourn Aminzada's death.

"We are very traumatized, very disappointed, very sad. It's hard to even give words right now."

On Wednesday, the 17-year-old accused of fatally stabbing him, who cannot be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, made his first appearance in a Finch Ave. W. courtroom filled with reporters, but no family members. Police say he turned himself in Tuesday evening.

He remains in custody.

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School safety

- TDSB director of education Donna Quan told reporters Wednesday that Tuesday's stabbing was an "isolated incident." She said 93 per cent of students have reported feeling safe at TDSB schools and she wouldn't support metal detectors at school entrances in an effort to keep weapons off school property.

On your marks, get set, go!

Kathleen Tullie, BOKS founder, speaks at the launch of the BOKS (Build Our Kids' Success) pilot project at 10 GTA elementary schools aimed at getting kids moving before they sit down at their desks. Toronto Argos player Matt Black and teammate Andre Durie came out to inspire the kids at St. Wilfred Catholic School, where the program was introduced to the Toronto media. KEITH BEATY/TORONTO STAR

All schools. In Cleveland, metal detectors; in T.O., not likely, officials say

Every one of the 90 schools in Cleveland, Ohio, now has a metal detector at the door, seven years after a teen tore through his Cleveland high school — a gun in each hand — wounding two students and two teachers before killing himself.

One elementary school stuck trees around it to make it look like a forest tunnel. High schools held contests to design banners to drape across theirs — Go Collinwood Railroaders! We Love Education!

"It's done a very good job reducing weapons in schools, and more and more of our cities are using them," said former police officer Lester Fultz, now chief of security for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.

"Canada will be next."

Not likely.

Seven years after 15-year-old Jordan Manners was shot dead at a Toronto high school, the same year as Cleveland's fatal shooting, Canada's largest school board rejects the idea of making students pass through x-ray scanners to come to school. Tuesday's tragic stabbing of student Hamid Aminzada at North Albion Collegiate has not changed the board's mind, said education director Donna Quan.

"Metal detectors are not the answer," she said Wednesday. "We don't want to create fortresses."

Yet metal detectors have been a major part of the answer for Cleveland, along with intense conflict-resolution programs for children up to Grade 5 and new planning centres where students on in-school suspensions can keep up with their work while receiving socio-emotional guidance.

In Toronto, the high school teachers' union says metal detectors aren't the answer.

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T.O.'s 'toy' dog population is soaring: Data

Condo complex?
Of the city's roughly 55,000 licensed dogs, about 21,000 are miniature breeds

Pekingese, Maltese, Havanese, bichon frise.

Since 2005, the popularity of "toy" dogs has skyrocketed, city data shows. That's the kind that fits in your lap, or purse, and barks at the slightest provocation. The growth in their ranks appears to be related to the condo boom that has left hundreds of thousands living in perfectly nice but very small glass boxes in which owning a Great Dane is unthinkable.

While some may recoil at the rise of yappy breeds, their growing presence offers a glimpse at the ways urbanites are adapting to an increasingly dense, space-deprived city.

Between 2005 and 2013, the overall population of licensed dogs in Toronto more than doubled. The number of toy dogs, meanwhile, increased almost five-fold — that is, by 379 per cent. Of the roughly 55,000 licensed dogs in Toronto, about 21,000 are now toys.

(The Star counted a few extremely small, toy-like dogs that don't appear on the U.K. Kennel Club list, such as toy poodles and French bulldogs, but our classification is otherwise standard.)

Ranging from under six pounds — the smallest chihuahuas — to the occasional twenty-pound pug, many toys were bred as lapdogs for the European aristocracy. In recent years, they have become associated with the leisure classes of North America, tucked into the handbags of celebrities and curled up in the condos of downtown professionals.

Of course, the city is only able to keep track of licensed dogs, and not all dogs are licensed, despite a $255 fine for scofflaws. The city estimates that only about 30 per cent of dog owners register their animals. After a surge in 2009 and 2010, compliance began slipping in 2011.

Still, the toy trend appears to be real. Just about every kind of miniature dog has become vastly more popular in the past decade or so. And Toronto Animal Services spokesperson Mary Lou Leiher says there's no reason to think certain breeds are more likely to be licensed than others. Every toy breed, save one, has at least doubled in popularity — and most of their populations have grown by much more. (Pity the poor toy fox terrier, whose ranks have virtually flatlined — only increasing from 14 to 18.)

The growth in small dogs comes amidst the rapid expansion of small condo units, phenomena that some observers have linked.

According to the 2011 National Household Survey, 22 per cent of occupied private dwellings in Toronto are condos — and that figure has likely increased, as city condo sales continue to soar.

But despite the obvious size advantage that toy breeds present for condo living, Langley cautioned against an automatic preference for tiny dogs

"As far as low maintenance, I'm not sure that's true. Small dogs need more grooming, so owners pay more for grooming," she said. "As opposed to a husky, which can patiently wait and entertain itself, small dogs are usually more needy."

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Jeff Scott and his Pomeranian, Tiffany, look cool in their glasses at the Woofstock festival in Toronto in May. The number of toy dogs has increased by 379 per cent in the city over the last few years, city data shows. COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Fahim Ahmad

Man who plotted to behead politicians denied parole

A ringleader of the so-called Toronto 18 terror cell has no "viable" plan to resist the radical influences that once led him to plot a deadly attack against Parliament, officials said Wednesday in denying him parole.

While Fahim Ahmad has gained important insight into what drew him to embrace violent extremism in his late teens, he isn't prepared to deal with the stressors that contributed to his radicalization, a two-member panel of the Parole Board of Canada said. The panel raised concerns over how Ahmad would handle exposure to the Internet and his eventual return to a mosque, both environments he admitted fuelled his extremist beliefs in the past.

The Toronto 18 plotted to blow up the Parliament buildings, kill the prime minister and take MPs hostage. They were rounded up in the summer of 2006 in an anti-terrorist operation that made headlines around the world. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cop docs. Mayor Rob Ford's sis told police she smoked crack with him

An intoxicated Rob Ford smoked crack cocaine with his sister one night last spring in the company of a drug dealer and another man who is facing criminal charges, according to allegations contained in police documents released Wednesday by a judge.

The documents were filed with a court in June to obtain a search warrant for an investigation sparked by reports of a second video allegedly showing Ford smoking crack cocaine in his sister's basement on April 26, just days before he entered rehab.

Ford's sister Kathy told investigators that Michael James, a man she said was a drug dealer who supplied her and her brother with drugs that night, shot the video without their knowledge as the mayor "was getting loud and boisterous," the documents say.

Police requested a warrant to examine three cellphones they believe belong to James and could contain the video and other recordings.

"However, I believe that the aforementioned video will be found on one of James' mobile devices, and that it may provide evidence of drug trafficking and drug possession against James and/or drug possession against Robert Ford," Det. Const. David LaVallee said in the document.

It said the three mobile devices were found when James was arrested May 12, along with a pair of brass knuckles and a knife. Police charged him with possession of a prohibited weapon and carrying a concealed weapon.

Media reports say the weapons charges were stayed, but James is facing other drug charges that are pending.

Kathy Ford told police that she, Ford, his friend Alexander "Sandro" Lisi and James were in her home that night while her daughter was sleeping upstairs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pre-rehab

"Kathryn Ford and Robert Ford were smoking crack cocaine that night."
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Slain man's ex-wife denies fake identity

Gisele Gauthier was skimming through her email inbox and fielding calls from friends Friday when she got the news that has repeatedly brought her to tears.

Her ex-husband, a former Kensington Market musician and vintage clothing dealer by the name of Glenn "George" Miller, was found dead following a shooting at his French estate that has since spawned an international murder mystery involving a Canadian band popular in the seventies.

Gauthier was stunned. She and 65-year-old Miller had separated 18 years ago and though he had moved to France, the pair shared hour-long phone conversations two or three times a month to discuss Miller's love of music, farming and life abroad.

She says she was startled and teary-eyed once again when she saw media reports alleging that her ex-husband had been impersonating a deceased bassist from rock band Chilliwack.

The Brittany farmhouse where Glenn Miller lived before he was murdered.
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According to Gauthier, the reports suggesting a Chilliwack connection (first published by newspapers including Metro) are false.

The reports say French police had confirmed the Chilliwack connection through conversations with Canadian authorities.

The RCMP told Torstar News Service they would not speak to another country's investigation and could not confirm or deny whether French authorities had contacted them about the case.

The French prosecutor's office was closed when Torstar made numerous attempts at contacting overseas officials Wednesday to discuss the case.

"It's total fantasy," Gauthier says of the potential ties between her ex-husband and Chilliwack. "I don't think he would even know who Chilliwack was."

Instead, she says Miller was a "happy, fun-loving guy" who went by the name George to avoid confusion with the American big-band musician with the same name.

She suspects any confusion has been caused by European papers, whose journalists she claimed probably searched the Internet for the name Glenn Miller, found info on the Chilliwack musician and incorrectly insinuated that her ex-husband was an impersonator.

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Memorial for Miller

A memorial tribute for Miller will be held at Lola restaurant and bar on Kensington, Oct. 4.

Health. Province won't review act that governs physicians' conduct

The provincial health minister says decades-old legislation that governs Ontario's medical regulatory body will not be reviewed despite criticism that the act protects physicians before patients.

The NDP's provincial health critic France Gélinas said the act should be overhauled to include more mandatory sanctions and to impel the college to contact police if they have knowledge about sexual abuse cases.

Ontario's Minister of Health and Long-Term Care Dr. Eric Hoskins said the College of Physicians and Surgeons is mandated to use the Regulated Health Professions Act to best serve and protect public interest.

But a recent case has critics calling for a review of the zero-tolerance law, which was enacted in 1994 after a groundbreaking task force on the sexual abuse of patients by health professionals three years earlier.

Mississauga family physician Dr. Sastri Maharajh was disciplined for professional misconduct by the college last summer after he admitted to sexually abusing up to 13 women by either putting his mouth on or resting his cheek on their breasts.

He served an eight month suspension before returning to work at a walk-in clinic in July, where he can now only treat male patients.

Contacting the police about a doctor disciplined for sexual abuse is at the College's discretion.

CPSO spokesperson Kathryn Clarke has refused to say whether the college had contacted police about Maharajh. Peel Regional Police told Torstar News Service they would launch an investigation if the college lodged a complaint. Maharajh's name was not in their records as of Wednesday afternoon.

Touching a woman's breast without consent is a sexual assault, said Toronto lawyer Peter Rosenthal.

"If (Maharajh) touched a breast with his hand or his mouth, anywhere in the world, in a doctor's office or on the street, without the consent of the woman, then it's a sexual assault in my view, independent of where it occurs."

Sexual assault, he said, is a criminal offence. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Cop acquitted of second G20 assault

The Toronto police officer convicted of beating G20 protester Adam Nobody with his baton was acquitted of a second G20-related assault charge Wednesday.

Const. Babak Andalib-Goortani was charged with striking Torontoist blogger Wyndham Bettencourt-McCarthy on June 26, 2010 during a Queen's Park protest, leaving a nasty bruise on her right hip.

Unlike Nobody's case, which relied on a video of the assault uploaded to YouTube by a witness who testified during the trial, this case hinged on a single anonymously uploaded photograph.

It shows a police officer without a name tag, his face partially obscured by a visor. The officer has his baton raised and appears to be about to hit Bettencourt-McCarthy.

The Crown expected that a police officer would be able to identify the officer in the photograph as Andalib-Goortani during a trial, prosecutor Philip Perlmutter told the court. But since the photograph — uploaded anonymously to website g20justice.com — could not be authenticated, Superior Court Justice Gary Trotter declared it inadmissible at trial in a pre-trial ruling last month.

In the ruling he noted that Bettencourt-McCarthy was unable to identify the person who hit her.

So, after a trial lasting all of two minutes, in which the Crown presented no evidence, Superior Court Justice John McMahon acquitted Andalib-Goortani of assault with a weapon.

McMahon noted that the Crown has the option to appeal. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Jasmine Tridevil is trying to get a reality show and claims she had surgery to add a third breast. INSTAGRAM

A reality TV star is born?

'Jasmine Tridevil'. Florida woman, who claims she had a third breast added, spoke to a Toronto radio station

It's no surprise that a story about a Florida woman with three breasts went viral this week. Jasmine Tridevil, who claims she spent $20,000 for a procedure to add a third breast so that she could become famous, as well as keep men away from her, was very quickly outed as a fake.

Yet, during an interview with Toronto's KiSS 92.5 with Roz Weston and Mocha on The Roz and Mocha Show on Wednesday, the 21-year-old registered massage therapist maintained the third boob exists and she can prove it.

"I have proof that it's true ... I don't want to get into details, but you'll see ... I am thinking of posting the video early ... will have to blur out the doctor's face," she said on the show.

"But I really wanted to wait until MTV accepts my show."

Has MTV or anyone else been in touch with her?

"No, but I have not checked my messages ... I really want to have my own reality show."

Tridevil became very defensive when asked by the hosts about the media reports that basically mocked her, as well as the fact that she reported "three breast prosthetics" as missing from her stolen luggage at Tampa airport.

"Listen, I am talking about this when I am in person. I have an explanation for that. I will reveal that later," she said.

"There are so many rumours about me ... the media twists everything I say."

Turns out, "Tridevil," whose real name has been reported as Alicia Jasmine Hessler, has even given the addition to her "Jasmine Jugs" a name.

"Actually, I named it Rajah," she announced with a giggle on the show.

The hosts also asked her about the operation, suggesting that experts say it would have taken many months to complete, especially with the alleged skin grafts from her stomach to construct the third breast.

"The operation took 90 minutes," she insisted. "I have the video and I am going to show it."

When pressed for a day, she said "Sunday."

The hosts also suggested Tridevil needed psychiatric help.

"I already know I'm nuts. I know I am crazy," she giggled. **TARIN ELBERT/METRO**

Not her first rodeo

Jasmine Tridevil, whose real name is reportedly Alicia Jasmine Hessler, has made headlines before in her pursuit of fame.

- In 2013, Hessler was in the news, claiming she was beaten on the way home from a club, then offered her attacker the choice of standing on a street corner wearing a dunce cap and holding a sign that read "I beat women. Honk if I'm a scumbug," rather than being reported to police. Florida police say Hessler withdrew her complaint and "stopped returning calls" after she was pressed for details of the alleged attack.

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Russian President Vladimir Putin, left, and Igor Sechin, CEO of state-controlled Russian oil company Rosneft, speak during a signing ceremony of co-operation agreements with Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro. MAXIM SHEMETOV/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ottawa's sanctions lax on Russian oil

Talk's tough, how about the walk? Only 13.8% of Canada's measures have targeted oil and gas, compared to 29.5% for the U.S.

For all its much-touted toughness in imposing economic sanctions against Russia, Canada has been significantly more timid against one particular target: the oil industry.

A database of sanctions compiled by The Canadian Press suggests Canada has been almost three times less likely to penalize Russian oil companies than the United States.

The Harper government has imposed economic penalties against five Russian oil companies, compared to 13 firms targeted in that same sector by the U.S.

That's despite the fact that in its vast array of more than 175 sanction targets, Canada has been as tough as the U.S. — if not tougher — on other segments of Russian society, including private citizens, the defence industry, mining, and financial-services companies.

The oil and gas sector is a clear statistical exception, representing about 13.8 per cent of Canadian sanctions against companies imposed during the Ukraine crisis. By way of comparison, the proportion is about 29.5 per cent in the U.S. and 20 per cent in the European Union.

Also, four of Russia's largest oil companies and its dominant pipeline company have faced sanctions in either the U.S., Europe, or both: Rosneft, Lukoil, Surgutneftgas, Gazprom, and the state-run pipeline monopoly Transneft.

Not one of them has faced such measures from Canada.

In an interview, Canada's industry minister said he hasn't heard any complaints from the opposition or regular citizens about the approach to sanctions.

"There has been none of that," Industry Minister James Moore said.

"There's been a unified Canadian understanding that the position of Stephen Harper is the correct one, morally. It won't be without its frustrations for some people who have had long business ties with Russia — but certainly some things are more important."

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Bitcoin settlements

Ontario court partially certifies class-action suit

The Ontario Superior Court has partially certified a class-action lawsuit on behalf of Canadians who lost Bitcoins in the collapse of the Mt. Gox Bitcoin exchange, a Toronto law firm said. Charney Lawyers said this paves the way for the court to consider approving a settlement reached in June between the plaintiffs and the defendants. It is estimated that the Bitcoins held by Mt. Gox were valued at approximately US$465 million, the firm said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Surrey, B.C. Ex-convict accused of killing teen had worried about reoffending

Documents reveal that a man accused of killing a 17-year-old British Columbia girl told a parole board in 2008 that he was worried he would harm someone else if he was ever released from prison.

Just months before Raymond Caissie's sentence was complete, in March 2013 a parole board refused to release him, saying he was of moderate to high risk to reoffend violently and sexually.

Documents dating back eight years show Caissie, who's now 43 years old, told the board that he was afraid of returning to society because he didn't have the skills to live on his own, had never held a job and worried about harming someone.

After serving a 22-year sentence for sexually assaulting a woman in Abbotsford, B.C., he was released in June 2013.

He now faces a second-degree murder charge in the death of Serena Vermeersch, 17, whose body was found last week in Surrey, B.C.

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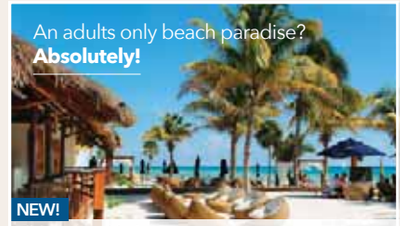

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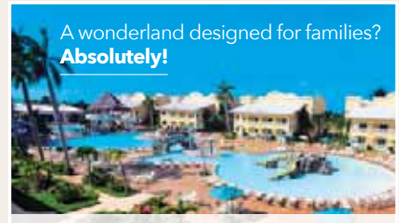

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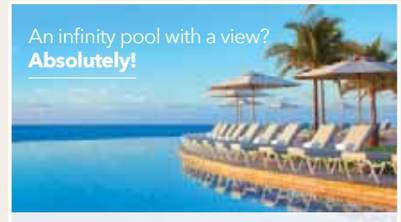

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Turkish aid workers give water to Syrian refugees waiting for permission to enter Turkey at Yumurtalik crossing the gate near Suruc, Turkey, Wednesday. More than 200,000 people fleeing the Islamic militants' advance on Kobani, Syria, arrived in Turkey during the last five days to find safety. BURHAN OZBILICI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. asks Canada for more help in Middle East

New possible military engagement. Harper declined to offer details

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says Canada will soon be weighing the possibility of an extended military role in the Middle East.

Harper said he has just recently received a request from the U.S. government for further Canadian involvement in the fight against Islamist rebels.

"We have to have some additional debate within our government," he said Wednesday during a question-and-answer session in New York before an audience of U.S. business leaders.

"The government of Canada will make a decision on that very shortly."

When pressed about the possible new engagement, Harper declined to offer details because the U.S. government "didn't make the letter public."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper takes part in a question-and-answer session at Goldman and Sachs in New York on Wednesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

But he did say the world can't allow terrorists to gain safe havens like the one that has developed in eastern Syria and western Iraq.

Wednesday's conversation with the Wall Street Journal's editor-in-chief also delved into some of the sociological aspects of the fight against the al-Qaida splinter group known as the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS). Some of the terrorists who carry Western passports can hardly be called Muslims; some of them apparently don't even attend mosque, Harper said.

He also suggested that Middle Eastern hostility to the West is nothing new. Harper said there's been a constituency for that since the Crusades.

At that point the editor-in-chief, Gerard Baker, interjected: "Of course they had a point, during the Crusades."

That was just one snippet of a free-flowing conversation in New York's financial district, where the high-profile newspaperman pressed Harper on a number of fronts.

Baker mentioned Canada's relatively strong economic performance, but he pushed Harper on the relative weakness of some Canadian energy sectors beyond energy, and whether Canada's recent economic performance hadn't softened a bit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

metro AR Burak Yilmaz, a Turkish police officer, 26, carries a Kurdish refugee boy as thousands of Syrian refugees enter Turkey at Yumurtalik crossing gate near Suruc Tuesday. Scan the photo with your Metro News app to see a photo gallery of refugees entering Turkey in search of safety. BURHAN OZBILICI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Refugee campaign. UN chief calls on world leaders to find 'seeds of hope'

The United Nations chief called for world leaders Wednesday to join the international campaign to ease the plight of nearly unprecedented numbers of refugees, the displaced and victims of violence in a world wracked by wars and the swift-spreading and deadly Ebola epidemic.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said leaders must find "seeds of hope" in the turmoil and despair of a world that may seem like it's falling apart with people crying out for protection from greed and inequality.

"Not since the end of the Second World War have there been so many refugees, displaced people and asylum seekers. Never before has the United Nations been asked to reach so many people with emergency food assistance and other life-saving supplies," Ban said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alberta

Group warns PM ISIS recruiting Somali youths

The leader of a Somali group has written to the prime minister warning that young people in Alberta are being recruited to become fighters for the radical group the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS).

In his letter, Mahamad Accord says he has solid sources, including elders, who say youths from the Somali community as young as 16 have signed up to become terrorist soldiers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Algeria

Extremists behead French hostage

Algerian extremists allied with the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) have decapitated a French hostage after France carried out airstrikes in Iraq, according to a video that appeared online Wednesday. French President Francois Hollande condemned the killing of Herve Gourdel and said France would continue its fight against ISIS. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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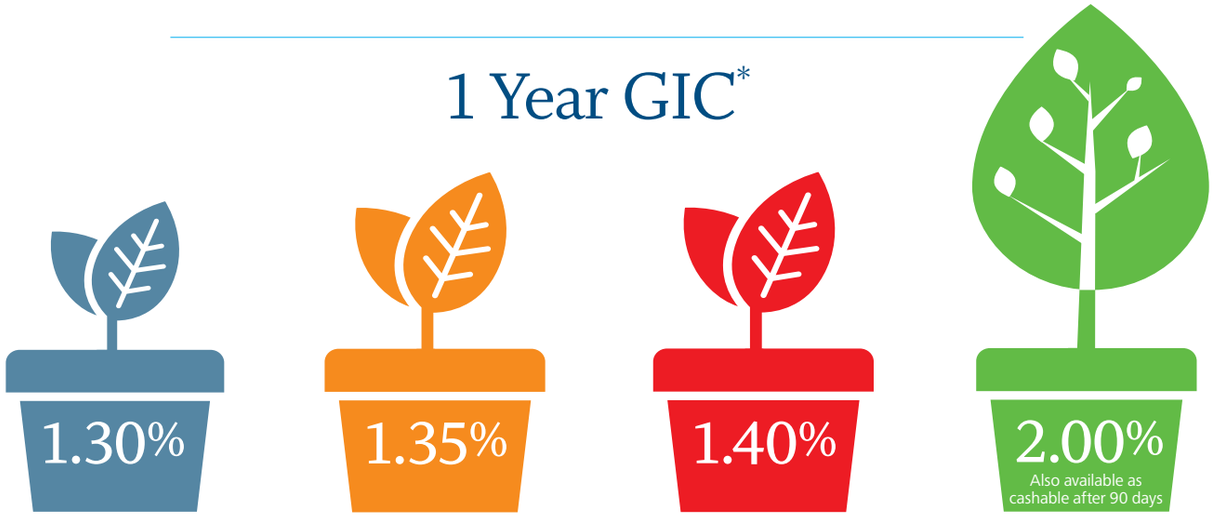

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Hijab confusion. Qatar women's basketball team forfeits Asian Games match

Qatari basketballers forfeited a women's match against Mongolia on Wednesday and are considering withdrawing from the Asian Games competition after being refused permission to wear a hijab.

Confusion over the implementation of recently relaxed guidelines outlined by the sport's international governing body, aimed at making the game more inclusive, could be the cause of the problem in Incheon.

"The Qatari players … refused to take off the hijab," Asian Games Organizing Committee spokeswoman Anna Jihyun You said.

The Qatari contingent was surprised by the decision, with its chef-de-mission Khalil al-Jabir saying the team "was not likely to play" basketball in these Asian Games if the players are not allowed to wear the hijab.

"Nobody told us that it will not be allowed and we are still waiting for clarifications," he said.

Asian Games rules

The rules of each sport at the Asian Games are governed by their respective international federations. Many allow head coverings for certain athletes, including badminton, track and field, and football.

Qatar is scheduled to play Nepal on Thursday, leaving little time for a compromise unless FIBA, basketball's international governing body, intervenes.

You said match officials working Wednesday's game did not receive any instructions from FIBA to allow head coverings, and were only following the rules which restrict the use of headgear, hair accessories, and jewelry.

"The organizing committee is not involved in the rules, and the match officials did not have any directions from world body FIBA regarding the same," You said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seal you later, little guy

A seal pup is encouraged to go back into the water after being released by the Vancouver Aquarium into Burrard Inlet in North Vancouver on Wednesday. Seven seals were released by the Aquariums Marine Mammal Rescue Centre, which assists injured, sick or orphaned marine mammals.

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Heated water from the cooling system at a data centre in another downtown building will be piped through Amazon offices and then recycled.

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Yellowstone

German man fined for drone crash

A German citizen who crashed a drone into a lake in Yellowstone National Park this summer has been banned from the park for a year and was ordered to pay $1,600 in fines and restitution.

Andreas Meissner, 37, of Germany, was charged after a drone he was using to shoot video of a charity bicycle ride crashed near the Great Village Marina on Yellowstone Lake in July.

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Indonesia releases 3K wasps to protect crops

Parasitic wasp, meet mealybug. Scientists move to safeguard cassava crops from mealybug infestation

Pest pink cassava mealybugs are shown in a laboratory at Bogor Agricultural University in Indonesia on Wednesday.
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They are the size of a pinhead and don't even pack a sting, but these tiny wasps are cold-blooded killers nonetheless. They work as nature's SWAT team, neutralizing a pest that threatens to destroy one of the developing world's most important staple foods: cassava.

On Wednesday, scientists put 3,000 wasps into a secure tent-like habitat in a mealybug-affected field in Bogor, Indonesia. They will be monitored to see how well they handle local conditions as they multiply to an expected 450,000 within a month. Once a permit is obtained, the wasps can be released into the wild to start a relentless killing spree.

Indonesia is the latest country to have their crops threatened by the mealybug.

The bug is a chalky white insect shaped like a pill that's been making its way across Southeast Asia's fields for the past six years. The pest first appeared in Indonesia in 2010. Bogor, on the outskirts of Indonesia's capital Jakarta, was ground zero.

But unlike in Thailand, where infestations reached some 250,000 hectares of crops grown mostly as part of a huge export business, cassava in Indonesia is a vital local food source second only to rice. That makes the mealybug a serious threat to food security in Indonesia, which already has one of the region's highest child malnutrition rates.

The parasitic wasps — Anagyrus lopezi — need the mealybug to survive. Females lay their eggs inside the insect and as the larvae grow, they eat the bug from the inside out, slowly killing it until there's nothing left but its mummified shell.

It's unclear how much damage mealybugs have already caused to Indonesia's crops, but infestations have been reported on the main cassava-growing island of Java and in parts of Sumatra, said Kris Wyckhuys, an entomologist at the Colombia-based International Center for Tropical Agriculture, which is helping to co-ordinate the release.

He said the idea is to introduce the wasps early in a pre-emptive strike because the pests if left unchecked can destroy more than 80 per cent of a harvest by sucking the plant's sap until it withers and dies.

"It is entering into areas where it is expected to cause the biggest yield impact and the biggest impact on food security and on cassava-related livlihoods," Wyckhuys said.

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Pest control precedent

Indonesia isn't the first country to use parasitic wasps to protect crucial cassava crops.

- **Pest control.** Africa, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam have also used the wasps in the past.
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Alternative Nobel. Snowden gets Swedish human rights award

Edward Snowden was among the winners Wednesday of a Swedish human rights award, sometimes referred to as the "alternative Nobel," for his disclosures of top-secret surveillance programs.

The decision to honour the former National Security Agency contractor with the Right Livelihood Award appeared to cause a diplomatic headache for Sweden's Foreign Ministry, which withdrew the prize jury's permission to use its media room for the announcement.

Snowden split the honorary portion of the award with Alan Rusbridger, editor of the Guardian, which has published a series of articles on government surveillance based on documents leaked by Snowden.

Foundation director Ole von Uexkull said all winners have been invited to the Dec. 1 awards ceremony in Stockholm, however it's unclear whether Snowden will be able to attend. "We will start discussions with the Swedish government and his lawyers in due course to discuss the potential arrangements for his participation," said von Uexkull. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Improving education. Clinton makes $600M pledge to young girls

Hillary Rodham Clinton announced a $600-million effort Wednesday to enrol girls in secondary schools around the globe, aiming to address security and access problems in the developing world.

The former U.S. secretary of state unveiled the plan at the Clinton Global Initiative to help 14 million girls typically between the ages of 11 and 16 to attend school. The initiative, carried out via her family's foundation, aims to improve the quality, safety and security at schools around the world.

"We know when girls have equal access to quality education in both primary and secondary schools, cycles of poverty are broken, economies grow, glass ceilings crack and potential is unleashed," Clinton said.

Clinton has promoted the advancement of women and girls around the world through an initiative at the foundation called "No Ceilings." The former first lady and New York senator is expected to announce by early next year whether she will seek the Democratic presidential nomination in 2016.

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FDA chief blamed for painkiller crisis

Anti-addiction activists are calling for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's top official to step down, saying the agency's policies have contributed to a national epidemic of prescription painkiller abuse.

In a letter released Wednesday, more than a dozen groups ask the Obama administration's top health official to replace FDA Commissioner Dr. Margaret Hamburg, who has led the agency since 2009. The FDA has been under fire from public health advocates, politicians and law enforcement officials since last October, when it approved a powerful new painkiller called Zohydro against the recommendation of its own medical advisers.

Deaths linked to the addictive medications, including OxyContin and Vicodin, have more than tripled over the last 20 years to an estimated 17,000 in 2011, the most recent year for which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports figures.

The CDC has called on doctors to limit their use of the medications to the most serious cases of pain, such as cancer patients and end-of-life care. But the vast majority of prescriptions written in the U.S. are for more common ailments like arthritis and back pain. Hamburg has supported broad use of the drugs, noting that 100 million Americans reportedly suffer from chronic pain.

The letter appears timed to generate interest in a rally scheduled for Sept. 28. The organizers plan to gather on the national mall and march to the White House to raise awareness of the opioid epidemic. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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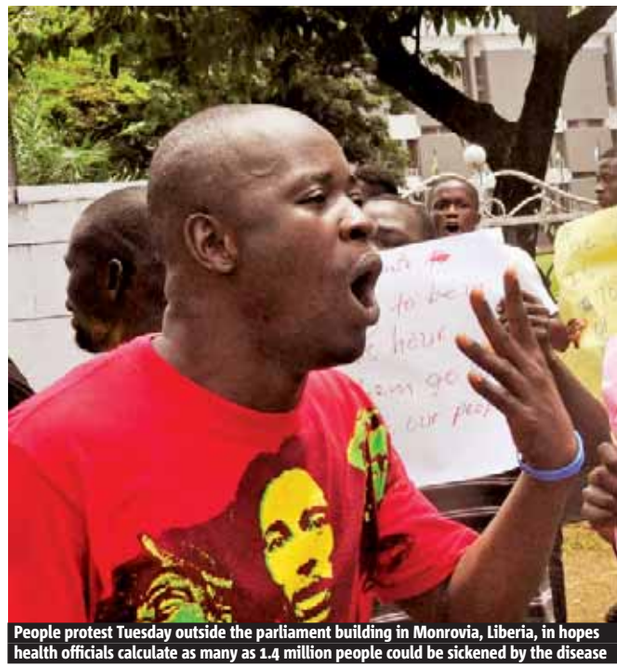

People protest Tuesday outside the parliament building in Monrovia, Liberia, in hopes health officials calculate as many as 1.4 million people could be sickened by the disease

Ebola could in W. Africa,

5,800 ill, 2,800 dead in last six months.
Crisis likely far worse with relatives hiding corpses and infected people, experts say

U.S. health officials Tuesday laid out worst-case and best-case scenarios for the Ebola epidemic in West Africa, warning that the number of infected people could explode to at least 1.4 million by mid-January — or peak well below that, if efforts to control the outbreak are ramped up.

The widely varying projections by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention were based on conditions in late August and do not take into account a recent international surge in medical aid for the stricken region. That burst has given health authorities reason for some optimism.

"I'm confident the most dire projections are not going to come to pass," CDC chief Dr. Tom Frieden said in releasing the report.

The CDC estimated that the real number of cases, reported and unreported, could reach 21,000 by Sept. 30 in just two of the hardest-hit countries, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

But the CDC also said that the epidemic in both countries could be almost ended by Jan. 20, by aggressively isolating the sick, either in hospitals or at home, and by taking steps to reduce the spread of the disease during burials. "A surge now can break the back of the epidemic," Frieden said.

The CDC did not give an estimate of how many Ebola cases overall could be expected under the best-case scenario. But it said the number of new cases per day could be fewer than 300 by mid-January, instead of the thousands feared under the grimmer projections.

The World Health Organization released its own estimates Tuesday, also warning that cases could soar dramatically. The UN agency, whose estimates were published online by the New England Journal of Medicine, said 21,000 people could be in-

Vaccine

The World Health Organization says a vaccine might be available in large enough quantities by the end of the year to help control West Africa's Ebola outbreak.

- There is currently no licensed treatment or vaccine for Ebola, although scientists are testing two vaccines.

of pushing their government to help their communities during the Ebola crisis. U.S. in two West Africa countries alone by mid-January. ABBAS DULLEH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

infect 1.4M U.S. warns

fected in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone by early November.

WHO said the death rate has been about 70 per cent among hospitalized patients.

Sierra Leone on Sunday completed a three-day lockdown in what was believed to be the most dramatic disease-control measure taken since the plague was ravaging Europe in the Middle Ages. The nation's president said it was so successful that a second one is being considered.

In an indication that the crisis is worse than the official numbers suggest, health teams that went door-to-door in Sierra Leone identified 130 confirmed cases of Ebola and 70 suspected cases. In addition, 92 bodies were found, though it was not clear how many had Ebola.

The CDC's worst-case numbers seem "somewhat pessimistic" and flawed for not accounting for the infection-control efforts already underway, said Dr. Richard Wenzel, who formerly led the International Society for Infectious Diseases.

Another outside expert questioned WHO's projections and said Ebola's spread would ultimately be slowed not only by containment measures but by changes in people's behaviour.

"Ebola outbreaks usually end when people stop touching the sick," said Dr. Armand Sprecher, an infectious-disease specialist at Doctors Without Borders.

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Guinea

Red Cross burial team attacked

A Red Cross team was attacked while collecting bodies believed to be infected with Ebola in southeastern Guinea, the latest in a string of assaults that are hindering efforts to control West Africa's current outbreak.

One Red Cross worker is recovering after being wounded in the neck in Tuesday's attack in Forecariah.

Family members of the dead initially set upon the six volunteers and vandalized their cars, said Mariam Barry, a resident. Eventually a crowd went to the regional health office, where they threw rocks at the building.

The attack is the most recent in a series that have plagued teams working to bury bodies safely, provide information about Ebola and disinfect public places. The most shocking was the abduction and killing last week in Guinea of eight health workers educating people about Ebola and the journalists accompanying them.

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P.E.I.

Syphilis cases on the rise, health chief warns

P.E.I.'s chief public health officer says there's been a spike in syphilis cases in recent weeks.

Dr. Heather Morrison says anyone who is at risk and experiencing symptoms of syphilis — including a painless ulcer, rash or fever — should seek medical care and abstain from unprotected sex.

Syphilis is primarily a sexually transmitted infection caused by a bacteria that can lead to heart and brain complications if left untreated with antibiotics.

Other symptoms include swollen or enlarged lymph nodes, headaches, hair loss, inflammation of the eye and generally feeling unwell. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stanford University

Study finds clues to how fast or slow patients recover

One of the big frustrations of surgery: There's little way to know if you'll be a fast or slow healer, someone who feels back to normal in a week or is out of work for a month with lingering pain and fatigue.

Now Stanford University researchers have discovered that right after surgery, patients' blood harbours clues about how fast they'll bounce back — and it has to do with the activity of certain immune cells that play a key role in healing.

The ultimate goal of the research is to create a simple blood test to predict who'll need more care after surgery, or maybe even if an operation is the best choice. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Double life: When Holly met Holly

'Email doppelgangers.' Two women — one Canadian and one American — share a name and, as it turns out, much more

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Metro in London, Ont.

American Holly Painter, left, and Canadian Holly Painter are "email doppelgangers." MIKE DONACHIE/METRO IN LONDON, ONT.

They have the same name. They're the same age. They're both gay. They have the same creative passion. They're both poets, and there's something profound in their story.

Meet Holly Painter, 29, and, er, Holly Painter, 29, the unconnected women who have spookily similar lives.

They call themselves "email doppelgangers" because they get each other's messages. They have similar website addresses. People confuse them, even in face-to-face interactions, and it got so weird that eventually the pair met to have a laugh about it.

The two women are from opposite sides of the U.S.-Canada border, but, meeting Wednesday, they chatted like old friends and even finished each other's sentences.

Here's how it all started.

"One of my friends said he really loved my poem on female genital mutilation," said the American Painter, who's from Detroit but lives in Singapore. "Um, what? That's not the sort of thing you forget writing about. So I went and looked around and I found Holly."

The pair met for the first time over breakfast in London, Ont., where the Canadian Painter lives. Her counterpart was passing through on a research trip for a book she's writing.

During their chat, the American Painter tells of an encounter with someone who complimented her on a stage performance she never gave. It turned out to have been the Canadian Painter. That's even weirder because, whatever the similarities, the women don't look alike.

But, even as they talk, they find more things they share. Each volunteers with kids. Each has a younger brother. Each has a day job in publishing. They talk over one another's laughter as the matches are made.

"I guess it's a little surreal," says the Canadian Painter. "I suppose it's not totally surprising that someone has the same name …"

"… but all the other similarities as well, it's a bit bizarre," her doppelganger finishes.

They don't even notice how closely meshed their speech patterns are, until it's pointed out.

"What struck me," continues the Canadian Painter, "is the fact that technology is this connecting tool.

"We're poets as well, so poetry for me is a way to connect to other people. Generally, I would do that in person, but we were able to find each other online."

And the two friends have made a decision. There's no alternative: They have to make poetry together.

"I was thinking there must be other people out there who are email doppelgangers," the Canadian Painter explains. "I was thinking, there must be something else I can do to get a poetry project in the works."

At least we know their names will rhyme. It doesn't get quainter than two Holly Painters.

Quoted

"What struck me is the fact that technology is this connecting tool." The Canadian Holly Painter

Man charged with breaching publication ban in N.S. sex-assault case

Charges have been laid in connection with a Facebook post that allegedly breached a publication ban in a recent Halifax sex-assault case.

Police said Wednesday that a 62-year-old Dartmouth, N.S., man was served with a notice to appear in court in connection with a post that included the name of the young woman that the accused, Halifax lawyer Lyle Howe, has been convicted of assaulting.

"There are orders issued by the court for protection of the victims, of their name and identity," said Const. Pierre Bourdages. "Unfortunately an individual decided that they would post the information even though there was a publication ban."

The post in question appeared in a support group for Howe shortly after he was sentenced in late July to three years in prison for sexual assault.

Quoted

"If a publication ban is in effect you don't name the victim, period."

Halifax resident Nicole Pettipas, who filed a complaint with police about the alleged breach

""It was my hope that … through our efforts as a support group, we would prove Lyle's innocence," reads the post, which was reproduced in screenshots on Reddit and Twitter — with the complainant's name redacted. "That his one-nite fling with (the complainant) was consensual … and that Lyle would be vindicated."

Howe testified during his trial that he'd had consensual sex with the victim after an evening of drinking in 2011, but the Crown argued that the woman was too impaired to provide consent. Howe is appealing his conviction.

Bourdages said police launched an investigation into the alleged breach after receiving several complaints about it.

Halifax resident Nicole Pettipas filed one of those complaints, saying Wednesday she was impressed with how seriously police investigators took the issue — and "really pleased" to see charges laid.

"I'm just glad that message is out there, if a publication ban is in effect you don't name the victim, period," she said. "Don't get smart and publish names just because you're upset. And victims will see that and know that they're protected."

RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO IN HALIFAX

Europol Director Rob Wainwright answers questions after a press conference in The Hague, Netherlands, Wednesday.
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Crime crackdown nets more than 1,000 in Europe

Operation Archimedes. Involved 20,000 law enforcement officers in more than 300 cities, ports, airports and border crossings

In what a police chief called the biggest organized-crime crackdown in Europe, law-enforcement agencies across the European Union arrested more than 1,000 people in a closely co-ordinated nine-day sweep.

Operation Archimedes targeted almost all kinds of crime, ranging from drug trafficking to illegal immigration, tax fraud, counterfeiting and theft, Europol Director Rob Wainwright told reporters.

The operation involved 20,000 law-enforcement officers in more than 300 cities, ports, airports and border crossings.

They made 1,027 arrests and saved 30 Romanian children from being trafficked. It also netted large amounts of drugs, including hundreds of kilograms of cocaine and heroin, Wainwright said.

The operation "has led, I think, to a very significant attack on the whole criminal infrastructure in Europe," Wainwright said.

He added that intelligence gained in the operation, which involved a co-ordination centre at Europol's headquarters in The Hague directing the raids, will lead to future arrests.

The raids underscored how criminals across the EU and beyond are organizing their efforts, often using heavily encrypted Internet messages to communicate.

Wainwright said a "more integrated criminal community" has developed over recent years, in which organized gangs work together in different sorts of criminal activity.

But he added that the raids "send a strong message to criminal groups that they are not beyond the reach of law enforcement."

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FBI study

More frequent crowd shootings in the U.S.: Report

The number of shootings in which a gunman fired into a crowd in the U.S. has increased dramatically in recent years, according to an FBI report released Wednesday.

The study reviewed 160 mass shootings between 2000 and 2013 to help local law enforcement prepare for or respond to similar killings in the future.

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The toy wars just got a bit colder thanks to Disney's Frozen, with Hasbro wrestling the rights for dolls from the hit movie away from rival Mattel.

Hasbro Inc. announced that its new deal with Disney Consumer Products will give it global rights (with the exception of Japan) to develop dolls based on Frozen.

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U.S. Treasury Dept.

Approved raises for GM executives 'excessive': Report

The U.S. Treasury Department continued to approve "excessive" pay raises for top executives at General Motors and its former consumer finance arm, both of which received taxpayer-funded bailouts during the financial crisis, a new government report says.

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Will we show true patriot love for BlackBerry?

A journalist compares the new BlackBerry Passport device, right, to an existing Android device at the Passport's launch in Toronto on Wednesday. Whether you love BlackBerry or hate it, the Canadian smartphone maker is banking on its new Passport device to help reshape perception of the company in a highly competitive market. "We are determined to win back the Canadian home crowd," chief executive John Chen told the audience at the Toronto launch event on Wednesday. "If you guys don't support us, then you've got some problems," he joked. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Want to get groceries from a drive-thru?

It's already big in France. Loblaw will test a program that lets customers buy items online, then have them loaded into their cars outside grocery stores

Loblaw Companies Ltd. is preparing to pilot a grocery click-and-collect program, which will allow shoppers to order online and pick up their completed order at stores.

A Loblaws store in Richmond Hill has been set up with a bright orange click-and-collect area that includes assigned parking. Customers will be able to have the groceries they chose and paid for online loaded into their vehicles.

Loblaw announced earlier this year that it would pilot a click-and-collect program, but provided few details. A company spokesperson declined to elaborate on Tuesday, although he did confirm that Richmond Hill will be the first location to offer the new service.

"The service is not yet available to the public, but we're excited by the prospect of offering busy customers another option to complete their shopping, saving considerable time in the process," said Loblaw spokesperson Kevin Groh.

While click-and-collect is not well-known in Canada, the service is widely used in Europe and at some stores in the U.S., to service time-starved customers who don't have time to shop themselves.

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The NHL is back after its traditional 12-day hiatus, and this season promises 353 days of excitement!

Will the Toronto Maple Leafs be terrible, or worse than that? Can the NHL's near-destitute players get by after a decade under the salary cap? And which lucky ticket holder will be the "100th fan" in Florida Panthers' history? With so much going on it seems like there's dozens of storylines in the 2014-15 season. But, no, there are five.

1. NHL to test rule banning players from crushing opponents' skulls: As it's picked up speed, hockey's had an alarming tendency to bend players' craniums like so many iPhone 6s. But this year new rules will ... Oh, nope, sorry, I've just learned the rules won't change because violence is "part of the game." What they've banned instead is the penalty-shot spin-o-rama, because that was fun, thereby contravening the terms of the collective bargaining agreement.

2. Gary Bettman sets goal to learn offside rule: NHL commissioner Bettman has had his successes, yet his small-town charisma has never caught on with fans. Bettman says he's always loved the game, though, which is why this year his goal is to learn the rules. "The NHL is so fast, which is why I've never been able to figure out how the offside thingy goes," he said. Bettman also said he hopes to stay to the very end of a game this year, provided traffic isn't bad.

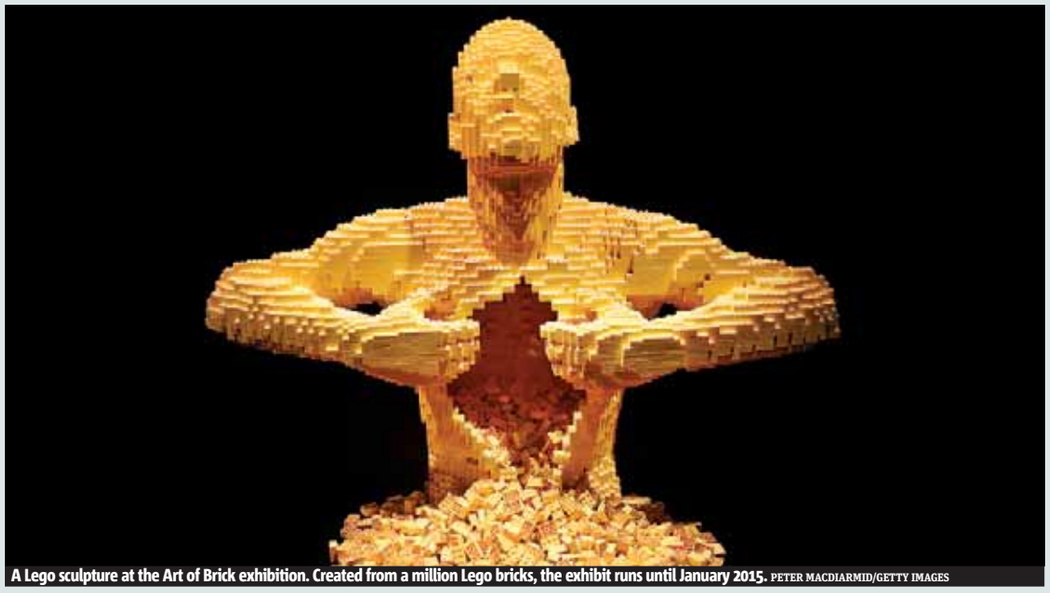
3. Analytics debate to be settled in big game between jocks and nerds: Everybody's got an opinion about "fancy stats," the popular analytics that measure things like shot attempts. Anti-fancies say the only important stat is the score, while pro-fancies look at the ice and see The Matrix, or the motorbike scene from TRON. Regardless, it will all be settled on the big, frozen lake near the tracks when the Nerds play the Jocks to settle this once and for all. Could it be the one thing they forgot to measure was their love for the game?

4. Stanley Cup to stay in the U.S. Given the expense of ferrying the Stanley Cup between Canada's Hockey Hall of Fame and whichever American team has won it this season, the league's GMs agreed this summer that the cup will stay in America "where it belongs" until Canada can actually win the thing.

5. Given the major violence, steroid and racism scandals that have plagued the other major North American sports, **Gary Bettman has promised that all the NHL's scandals will remain solidly on the playing surface.** "Whether it's brutal violence, homophobic remarks or flagrant cheating, I can assure you that the NHL will keep these tactics on the ice where they belong," he said. Bettman added that, despite the scandals, everybody is involved in sports for the same reason: to make as much money as humanly possible.

Game on!

If only *you'd* practised at your Lego a bit more ...



A Lego sculpture at the Art of Brick exhibition. Created from a million Lego bricks, the exhibit runs until January 2015. PETER MACDIARMID/GETTY IMAGES

The Art of the Brick exhibit created using a million blocks

The Art of the Brick exhibition has travelled the world showcasing artist Nathan Sawaya's Lego creations. On Friday it opens to the public in London, England.

There are more than 80 works in the exhibition that span Sawaya's entire career as a full-time artist working in Lego, which he embarked upon following a previous career as a lawyer.

Sawaya has now been creating Lego artworks for seven years, although Lego has been a passion for him since the age of five.

His first large build was a sculpture of a dog he created when he was 10 after his parents refused to buy him a pet pooch.

Sections of the exhibition include Sawaya's oversized 3D portraits of popular and recognizable artworks including Hokusai's The Great Wave off Kanagawa and Edvard Munch's The Scream. Two sections entitled The Human Condition and Human Expressions contain more original artwork featuring sculptures involving the human form. WIRED.CO.UK

Homage

To celebrate its London arrival, the exhibition has a section dedicated to English culture.

- Among the British artifacts on show are a red telephone box, a "Keep calm and build on" poster and two bands that showcase the best of British music in the past and today, in the form of The Beatles and — ahem — One Direction.

MetroTube

More interspecies love

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The video for Knock Knock is likely going to be your first experience with Ukrainian band Blondes Shoot Brunettes, but it'll be a memorable one. The song itself is standard coffee shop balladry, so, you know, *shrug*. But the video, which syncs the screens of more than a dozen cellphones, tablets and laptops to tell an interspecies love story, is a delight. (Brunettes Shoot Blondes/YouTube)

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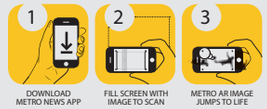

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In the beginning, there was Bam

Hip-hop history.
Dig deep into the core of a cultural phenomenon, and you'll find the music of Afrika Bambaataa

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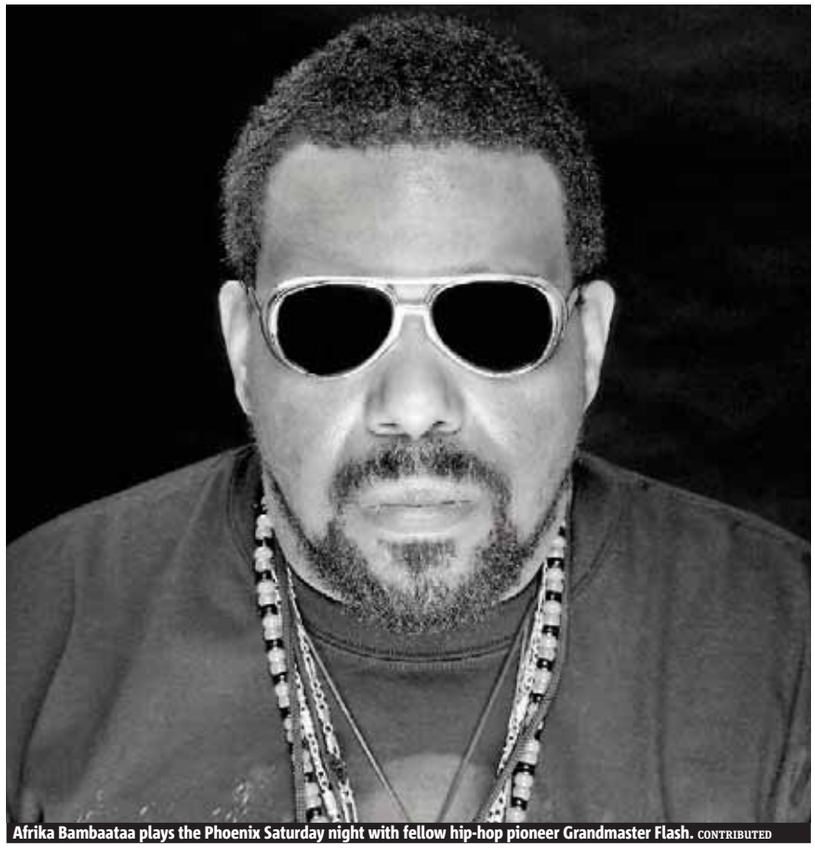
He's been looking for that perfect beat for almost 45 years. It's a search that's taken Afrika Bambaataa out of the South Bronx and around the world, and helped with the birth of hip-hop culture along the way.

"We started travelling city to city, town to town, country to country," recalls Bam. "It was a lot of work going to places that didn't understand what we were doing, trying to get people to get out of their seats and get on the stage and get funky and not scared to dance.

"It was a learning experience."

Bambaataa, along with Grandmaster Flash with whom he will share the stage at the Phoenix Saturday night, is widely recognized as one of hip-hop's founding fathers. In the '70s, the two DJs would often run into one another spinning records with their respective crews at block parties in the Bronx.



Afrika Bambaataa plays the Phoenix Saturday night with fellow hip-hop pioneer Grandmaster Flash. CONTRIBUTED

"One of his members used to be mixed with one of my members back in the day," says Bambaataa. "He was definitely hot."

Yet Bam was unique amongst hip-hop's architects for spinning records that fell outside the prescribed norms of funk and R&B.

His groundbreaking 1982 single, Planet Rock, featured a prominent sample from German krautrock pioneers Kraftwerk.

"We was just doing it to do it, as James Brown would say. We didn't have no name. We could have called it the boi-oi-oing, the go-off, the get-down, whatever," he says.

Today, Bambaataa plays MP3s at his shows, not vinyl. "I can't afford them losing my records," he says. "Taking planes, over-charging you … I used to bring crates!"

But fellow turntablists DJ Shadow and Cut Chemist recently raided his personal collection, which numbers in the tens of thousands, and embarked on the Renegades of Rhythm tour.

"They're playing my music and taking you through different times to keep that beat rocking."

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A space for all that sound

Bambaataa is a well-known and vocal advocate for spreading hip-hop's history. To that end, he's part of a group keen to create a National Museum of Hip Hop in the Bronx, where the culture was born.

"We want something that's huge and that builds with world hip hop," he says. "Most people, when they say hip hop, think it's just a rap record. They don't understand that rap is just one part of hip hop culture."

Bambaataa envisions a space filled with artifacts, a record library and even a performance space to help share "a real true history of hip-hop culture, the movement."

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Canadian connection

Boxtrolls is Canuck's directing debut

Ask Canadian illustrator Graham Annable how he landed his first big directing gig in stop-motion animation and he simply shrugs.

Each step toward his upcoming 3D feature The Boxtrolls has been an unpredictable sequence of happenstance, he insisted during a visit to Toronto this past spring. "I think back to when I graduated from (Oakville's) Sheridan (College) — which is over 20 years ago now — and the thought that I would be back in Toronto speaking about a stop-motion animated feature that I co-directed would never have entered my mind," Annable said. Annable logged a lot of hours as an animator at places including Chuck Jones Enterprises and George Lucas' video game company LucasArts, where he spent 10 years.

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When Ben Kingsley gets fired up ...

The Boxtrolls. The man also known as Gandhi isn't much of a pacifist when it comes to bad directors

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The Boxtrolls opens this Friday in theatres. CONTRIBUTED

Here's a fun game: Sir Ben Kingsley has made a lot of films since Gandhi in 1982, but at least one of them was a terrible experience. So take a look at his IMDb page and guess which filmmaking experience was so toxic it prompted him to torch the screenplay. He's not saying which film it was.

"I actually burned the script," Kingsley says while promoting his latest film, the stop-motion animated film Boxtrolls, which we can rule out from being the offending production in question.

"I had a ceremonial burning of the script. The director was such an awful person who was so discourteous to the cast and so amateurish. It was a colossal waste of good energy and time. All actors want to do is please and get it right, and it was so difficult."

One way to avoid any repeats of such an experience? Taking matters into his own hands.

"I've created a production company with my wife. We've got six films on our slate, and one of them is about a naval admiral," Kingsley says.

"I want to play a man in uniform. I've got tremendous respect for that life that they lead. We know so little about it. It's never discussed or talked about, when they come back from battle. I want to examine the choices that have to be made in those terrible times. That's one of the films on our slate."

And it will likely be a far cry from his Boxtrolls character, the devious Archibald Snatcher, who looks and sounds nothing like Kingsley himself. "My physicality on screen — the puppet — is very unlike my own silhouette. The movement and the mannerisms that you see on screen are not human," he says. "I tried to echo that with stretching vowel sounds and my accent and playing with my voice, from a very relaxed starting point. I actually was lying down for most of my recordings."

While Kingsley only had a bit of voiceover work before Boxtrolls, he's got more lined up already, with Jon Favreau's take on The Jungle Book, requiring only Kingsley's voice.

"Mowgli is a real child, and he'll be surrounded by computer-generated animals," Kingsley says of the project, in which he'll play Bagheera the leopard.

"It will be my voice. That's what Jon wants. I offered him all sorts of different things, and even an Indian accent, but he said, 'No, I want your British voice.' This script is probably a lot closer to Kipling than the original Disney one was."

No word yet on whether he'll be doing this job lying down as well, but it's safe to say he won't torch the script.

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How to find the happy bits in life

Hector and the Search for Happiness. Simon Pegg and Rosamund Pike talk about fame, fortune, and why it doesn't always bring contentment

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In the new film Hector and the Search for Happiness, Simon Pegg plays the title character, a psychologist with a tidy, uneventful existence.

He shares his predictable and safe life with Clara (Rosamund Pike), an ad agency writer who creates names for pharmaceuticals. They chug along happily until one day Hector snaps and sets out on an archaeological dig of sorts, to discover what happiness means to people.

"With this film," says Pegg, "people will often flippantly say, 'He lives with Rosamund Pike, he's got a nice house…' which so misses the point. You can have all that stuff. The point is we take the least sympathetic demographic on the face of this earth, the white upper middle class male and say, 'He has a problem.' It just goes to show that if he can be there and be unhappy then anybody can be unhappy."

When asked if show biz success is a recipe for happiness both Pegg and Pike chime in.

"It's a question I have been asked," says Pike. "Fame and money, surely they are the ingredients to a happy life? The point is we keep sadly seeing that unless you are happy before you get those things it's not a recipe for happiness."

"Not to bring it up in a facile way," says Pegg, "but Robin Williams' death is an indication of that.

"I find for me I have to be happy in my real life, in the real world, and if I'm happy there I can be happy elsewhere and can enjoy this job.

"I've been desperately unhappy while working. I remember when I went to L.A. to do Mission Impossible III I wasn't in a great place and I got there and I remember thinking to myself, 'I'm in a film with Tom Cruise and yet I'm unhappy.'

"It was an epiphany for me."

"Obviously the idea of a successful career is that you look like a swan gliding and nobody sees the paddling duck feet," says Pike, "but they're definitely there. I think the message of the film is 'You can't really know happiness unless you are prepared to embrace life with everything it throws at you.' The unhappiness too.

"When you go through something horrific in your life, loss or death or illness or whatever, people say this will make you stronger and you think, 'Oh sod off,' but of course it does.

"It makes you appreciate things in the future more and you do feel happier for having been through the bad times."

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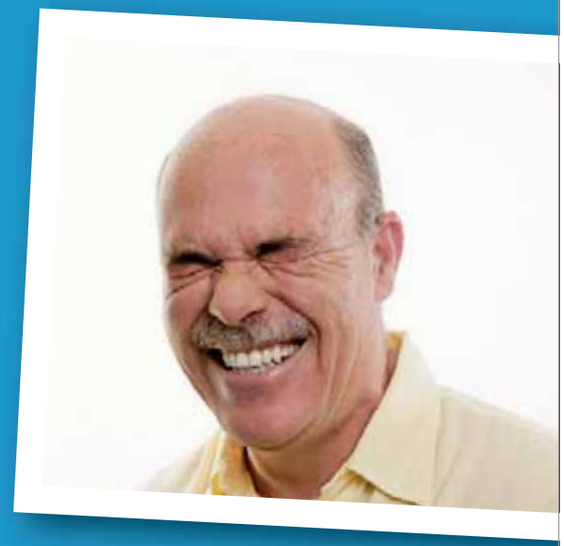

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Eva Mendes and Ryan Gosling. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Are all non-Gosling babies jealous of Ryan's kid?

And now, the latest on new parents Eva Mendes and Ryan Gosling. It's been nearly two weeks since the couple welcomed their new daughter, and apparently the whole thing is taking some getting used to.

"They're both great, but exhausted," a source tells E! News. "They know it's going to be a little while before the baby adjusts to a schedule."

Gosling, for his part, is reportedly "infatuated with the baby," making all other babies in the world seethe with jealousy.

Dr. Dre rakes in $620M just by covering your ears

The headphone business has been very good to Dr. Dre.

The producer and former N.W.A. member has topped Forbes magazine's 2014 list of highest-paid hip-hop acts, pulling in a staggering $620 million, thanks mostly to Apple's purchase of the Beats by Dre headphone line.

That's more than the income of the next 24 artists on the list combined. Jay Z and Diddy share second place, each at $60 million, followed by Drake at $33 million.

Dr. Dre

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The Word

One Direction just keep on over-sharing

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Metro in Hollywood

It's hard to imagine that there's anything left to reveal about One Direction, especially after having the start of their career heavily documented on a reality show, being the subject of a Morgan Spurlock-directed documentary and being incessant over-sharers on social media.

But, just in case, there's now a book coming out. The five guys have "written" an "autobiography" called Who We Are that promises "an unprecedented insight into all of it, from their humble beginnings and lives before the X Factor, to recording their first single, touring the world, winning awards, breaking records, and much, much more."

We're putting this one right on the shelf next to Kim Kardashian's book of discarded selfie attempts.

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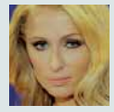

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Paulina Gretzky

Paulina belly pic confirms Gretzky will be a grandpa

The Great One is going to be a grandfather. Wayne Gretzky's daughter Paulina announced Tuesday on her Instagram account that she and fiancé, pro golfer Dustin Johnson, are expecting their first child. The 25-year-old posted a photo of herself cradling her belly, with the caption: @djohnsonpga & i are so excited to finally share with you all our amazing news..we're having a baby!!"

Younger brother Trevor Gretzky, a minor-leaguer in the Los Angeles Angels' organization, followed up by tweeting "Uncle Trev" along with the same photo.

It's the first grandchild for the hockey legend and his wife Janet, who have five children. Paulina is the oldest.

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Walking the online runway

Media's models. The maker of Kate Moss explains social media's ever-growing effect on the fashion world

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News

Want to get to know Cara Delevingne better? Scan this photo with your Metro News app to see what this social media star has got in her handbag. GETTY IMAGES

Gone are the days when models, like Victorian children, were seen and not heard. Nowadays their social media following on Twitter and Instagram can be as fiscally valuable as their face and figure.

Sarah Doukas, founder of agency Storm Models, explains that "there are girls who have huge followings, so we have to monetize that with a client. We've had to teach them because they would come to us and say, 'It's an advertising job.' We would say, 'What do you mean advertising? Is it e-commerce?' They would hide under the table and it wouldn't mean anything to them but now it should be monetized in a big way. It's a big element."

Cara Delevingne's flock of Twitter followers numbers almost two million, while her Instagram account is just shy of seven million.

The 22-year-old's audience reach rivals that of the big brands such as Burberry, Pepe Jeans and Mulberry for whom she models and subsequently markets for, thanks to her candid behind-the-scenes social media sharing.

"I remember being horrified a couple of years ago when she was in Paris and watching on our computers as Cara was mobbed outside a show by the general public and not by the paparazzi. And I was like, 'God Almighty, this is extraordinary, this cannot be happening,'" exclaims Doukas from her glass-walled office.

Inevitably, Delevingne's clickable antics in entering into the public interest — or rather the interest of the public — creates a ready stream of gossip-fuelled picture stories of bleary-eyed partying or even a snap of the starlet sinking her teeth into model and bestie Jourdan Dunn's butt at the recent GQ Awards.

But Delevingne, who not only survived tabloid accusations of dropping a cocaine baggie outside her London home last year, is in even greater demand with her ineffable mix of disarming charisma and zany ADHD childishness. It's her USP (unique selling point).

"When she was four years old, she was always an unbelievable mile-a-minute jumping bean. I said, 'She will never be tall enough' but I did always think she would act," reminisces Doukas. Of course, she was right.

Then again, the maker of industry greats has a knack for spotting a marketable quirk.

It's a calculated gamble that saw Australian model Andrej Pejic — now known as Andreja after sexual reassignment surgery — added to the women's and Storm artists boards.

"From the minute I saw Andrej (as she was then), I embraced him as a person because not only was he tremendously beautiful looking but she is also tremendously bright — she is extraordinary," states the scout.

Pejic has since closed the Jean Paul Gaultier show and walked for designers such as Christian Dior and Marc Jacobs, with plans to move into the acting world.

However, Doukas, who set up the agency in 1987, chides the industry for its lack of inclusivity in terms of race and gender diversity.

"I just don't think we have enough diversity."

Designers are still reluctant to move away from the Caucasian esthetic that dominates the runways, although the fashion month cities (New York, London, Milan and Paris) are starting to cast more Asian models.

"It's what they think will sell," remarks Doukas.

She explains that it's the simple fact that the industry comes down to sales that empowers the public both as consumers of fashion and social media to drive the change away from runway and high-street homogeneity.

Doukas believes that "when you get back to the power of social media and if someone like Andreja Pejic can become a voice with all these followers, then brands will be forced to embrace her, or whoever."

Sarah Doukas
CONTRIBUTED

Grabbing a game-changer

- **Sarah Doukas is known for having spotted a 14-year-old Kate Moss in New York's JFK Airport in 1988.** Moss was only 170 cm (short by industry standards) and might have been overlooked by a stickler for runway uniformity.

Instagram explosion

"I was like, 'God Almighty, this is extraordinary, this cannot be happening.'"

Sarah Doukas on Cara Delevingne's remarkable rise to fame

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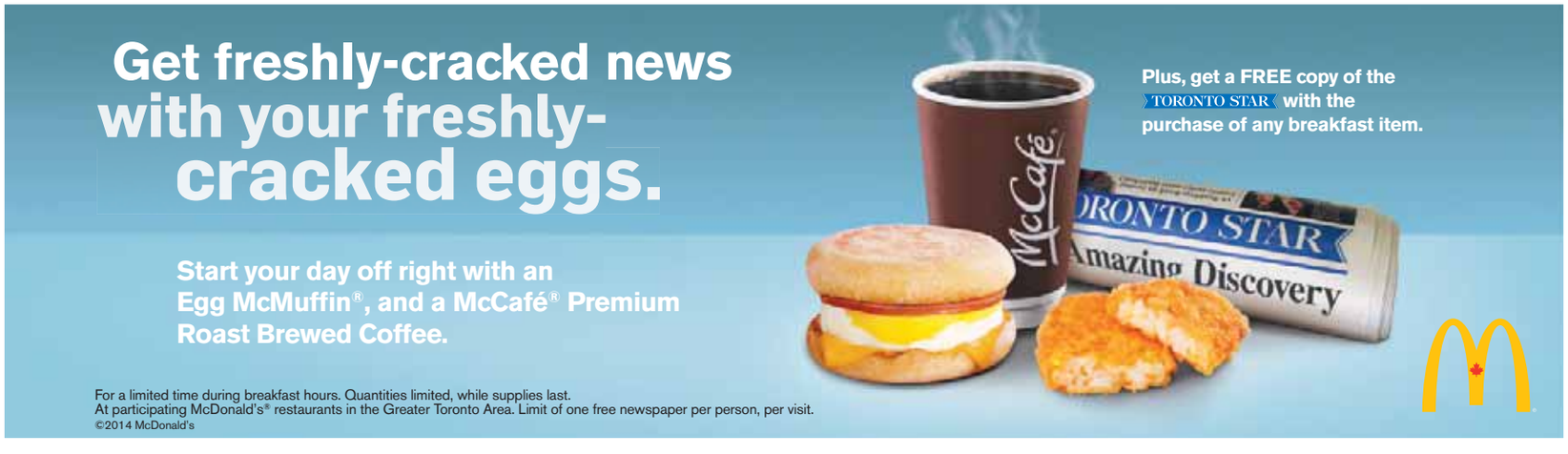
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Trends Report

Women have many one-piece outfit options, such as dresses and jumpsuits, so it was only a matter of time before someone created a onesie business suit for men. Go online to Trends Report to learn more about The Suitsy, and why I think it's a genius invention.

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Photo: Jesse Herzog demonstrates how to put on The Suitsy.

Cat's got Karl's tote

Kitty couture.

Monster Choupette bags and more coming from Karl Lagerfeld

Karl Lagerfeld has worked on a new line inspired by his cat Choupette at his namesake label.

If 2013 was the year Choupette became a fashion celebrity (with her own Twitter account and Lagerfeld line to boot), 2014 is the year the pussycat is going mainstream. Following the launch of her own feline lifestyle book, Choupette is set to be immortalized in another new line by Karl Lagerfeld, this time with some attitude. The Monster Choupette line shows the lovable, if demanding, pet as the star of the show, and she's grown teeth! The capsule collection, which is set to hit stores in November, includes bags (a shopping bag, two sizes of pouch and a wallet, all in Saffiano leather), shoes, and clothing (T-shirt, sweatshirt, scarves, and socks). It's only the latest development in the land of the pampered cat: earlier this month, Japanese cosmetics brand Shu Uemura unveiled a Choupette-inspired capsule named Shupette (with packaging featuring Lagerfeld's drawings of his cat), which will be out for the holidays.

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Goodbye off-the-rack

Jean Paul Gaultier to cease ready-to-wear collections

The house of Jean Paul Gaultier has announced that it is stopping women's and men's ready-to-wear collections.

A short statement last week said the 62-year-old designer — one of the most famous names in fashion — would be concentrating on the lucrative world of haute couture and perfume lines such as Le Male. It did not elaborate on the reasons for the closure.

Gaultier, known as Paris fashion's enfant terrible, has been designing ready-to-wear for nearly 40 years. The house's ready-to-wear swan song for spring-summer 2015 will be presented later this month in Paris.

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What she's wearing:
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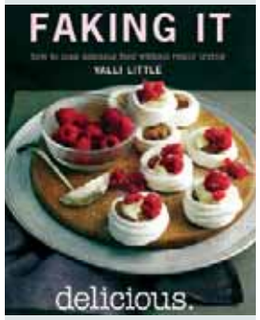
Cookbook of the Week

Delicious (and effortless) dining



Time and ideas are things on which many cooks find themselves short. Faking It by Valli Little is here to help, whether you need to make fast mid-week dinners or impressive dishes for entertaining. The book focuses on recipes that require only a few ingredients and is filled with clever shortcuts as well. Faking It features more than 100 recipes, including: Gnocchi-topped Cottage Pies, Sushi Rice Bowl, Oven-Baked Lamb Curry, Easy Baklava and more. METRO

Ultimate fusion of hearty tastes

Tomato Soup With Spaghetti And Chicken Meatballs. This dish is so easy all you have to decide is fork or spoon

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 tbsp tomato paste
- 2 x 400 g cans chopped tomatoes
- 1.25 l (5 cups) chicken stock
- 500 g thin chicken sausages
- 100 g spaghetti, broken into 5 cm lengths
- Chopped basil, grated
- Parmesan and crusty bread, to serve

1. Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion and cook for 2-3 minutes, stirring, until softened. Add the garlic and tomato paste and cook, stirring, for a further 1 minute. Add the tomatoes and 21/2 cups (625 ml) of the chicken stock. Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat to low and simmer for 20 minutes while you make the meatballs.

2. For the meatballs, place the remaining 21/2 cups (625 ml) chicken stock in a saucepan and bring to the boil. Squeeze the sausage meat from the casings and form into about 30 small (3 cm) meatballs. Add meatballs to the stock and simmer for 10 minutes until cooked through. Remove meatballs to a plate with a slotted spoon, then return stock to the boil. Add the spaghetti and cook until al dente. Drain, discarding the stock.

3. Use a stick blender to blend the soup until smooth (or blend in batches in a blender, then return to the pan). Add the cooked spaghetti and meatballs to the soup and warm through gently for 5 minutes over low heat. Ladle the soup into bowls, garnish with basil and Parmesan, then serve with your favourite crusty bread. EXCERPTED FROM FAKING IT BY VALLI LITTLE ©2014. PUBLISHED BY HARPERCOLLINS CANADA. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

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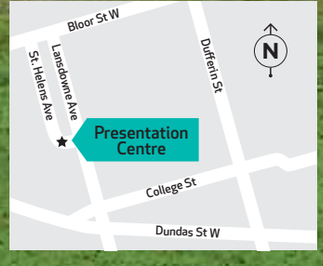

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Legal Matters

Condo HST revisited

LEGAL MATTERS
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We are about to close the purchase of a condo and our lawyer has stated that although HST is included in the purchase price of the condo, if we are not purchasing for use as our primary residence we have to pay an additional HST rebate amount that totals $24,000. We want to avoid having to pay this. How can we prevent this charge?

I answer this question almost on a daily basis. The requirements for being eligible for the HST rebate are as follows: 1. You need to be purchasing the property for your own purposes or the residency of a close family member and, 2. You must be a Canadian for income tax purposes (non-residents are not eligible). The Canadian government wants to promote the purchase of new homes by eligible residents; otherwise, you have to pay the builder what would have been the HST rebate. Presently in Ontario, the maximum HST rebate is $24,000 so you need to add this to the cost of your purchase.

A word of warning: Please do not declare that you are using the property for personal use to benefit from the rebate if you are not doing so. Canada Revenue Agency is auditing people and I know of people who have to pay back the rebate they have received.

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Take a promenade on the Riverside

East end. Developer to unpave parking lot, put up an eclectic paradise

CONDO TRENDS
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A neglected corner of Toronto's east end is about to undergo a transformation that promises to revitalize a section of underutilized land along the Don River. The Riverside neighbourhood is the gateway to the east end from the Don Valley and over the Queen Street Bridge, leading into an eclectic community of shops, cafés and heritage buildings.

Riverside Square is Streetcar Developments' latest foray in Toronto's east end. Today, the four-acre property is occupied by a parking lot, a Toyota dealership and some old warehouses in what constitutes a large gap in the urban fabric of Riverside.

A former accountant, Les Mallins, is the principal of Streetcar Developments, which has made its mark in the east end with various residential projects all of which, as the name implies, are a stone's throw away from the streetcar transit lines. "We've already done three projects in the area. Our corporate offices are in Riverside, so we've been part of this community now for six or seven years," he says.

Open-concept public plaza

The entire, six-year project will be comprised of a master-planned campus of buildings south of Queen Street between Broadview and the Don Valley. The refreshing design is based upon an open-concept public plaza with wide pedestrian promenades dotted with greenery, anchoring an assortment of cafés, restaurants, retail shops and an on-site supermarket.

The condominium tower itself, first of several planned residences, will feature dramatic glass window walls, dynamic angles and innovative green roofs to integrate within the surrounding neighbourhood, while reflecting an environmentally sustainable design.

Directly to the south of the project is a city-owned section of green space encircled by the Eastern Avenue off-ramp. "As part of our proposal, we would like to turn that into a public green space and take advantage of that to make a connection for pedestrians and bicycles across the Eastern Avenue bridge to get to the new park in the West Don Lands," says Mallins.

Riverside Square's design is based on an open-concept public plaza with wide pedestrian promenades. CONTRIBUTED

Historic east end landmark to be restored

Streetcar Developments made headlines earlier this year with the acquisition of the old Broadview Hotel on Queen Street that includes the infamous Jilly's strip club.

- **Plans are underway to restore the historical landmark to its former glory.**

- **"We actually ran a survey over the last two months of public feedback in terms of what they would like to see on that corner. We got almost 1,500 responses and the overwhelming preference is a restaurant or hotel," says Les Mallins of Streetcar Developments.**

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SkyCity 2 Condominium's SkyGarden terrace. CONTRIBUTED

Meet the condo

- **What.** SkyCity 2 Condominiums
- **Builder.** Pemberton Group
- **Location.** Richmond Hill City Centre
- **Website.** pembertongroup.com
- **Pricing.** From the low $300,000s to the $470,000s
- **Building.** Second of two 20-storey towers
- **Sizes.** From 640 to 1,080 sq. ft.
- **Suites.** One bedroom, one bedroom plus den, two bedroom, two bedroom plus den
- **Status.** Pre-construction phase

The project overview

Pemberton's newest condominium in Richmond Hill, the second of two towers that will share a three-storey podium and 17,000 square feet of amenities, is conveniently located near the Richmond Hill City Centre on Yonge Street.

Location and transit

SkyCity condominiums is Pemberton's master-planned community located at Hwy. 7 east of Yonge in the established Richmond Hill City Centre transportation hub, within walking distance of York Region Transit, the GO train to Union Station, and GO bus service. Highways 404 and 407 are close by.

In the neighbourhood

A wide selection of shopping, dining and entertainment venues can be found along the Yonge Street and Highway 7 corridor. Residents will be near the big box stores, the Hillcrest Mall, restaurants and services as well as community parks and the David Dunlap Observatory lands.

Building amenities

There's lots here, with the SkyGarden, a landscaped terrace with gazebos, arbours, a fireplace with lounge-style seating, barbecue stations and an area for alfresco dining. A theatre, video gaming rooms, a party room, dining room, exercise room, yoga studio, indoor swimming pool, a lounge with a double-sided fireplace, and two furnished guest suites.

Complete communities

The art of city building

BRYAN TUCKEY
President and CEO of the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) can be found at twitter.com/bildgta, facebook.com/bildgta, and bildblogs.ca.

Building great cities starts with the development of quality, complete communities. You'll find a great example of a complete community in 35 acres of Toronto's West Don Lands that will be home to 10,000 athletes from 41 countries during the 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games.

I'm talking about the Canary District by Dundee Kilmer, winner of BILD's most recent Places to Grow High-Rise Community of the Year. This new development built on underutilized lands in downtown Toronto's southeast will start off as the Athletes Village before being converted into a sustainable, mixed-use, master-planned community in 2016.

By then, approximately 2,000 people will live in the transformed village in more than 1,300 units, and that will grow to 3,500 people in 2,500 units by 2020.

Canary District will feature residential and retail components, as well as a student residence for nearby George Brown College and the Cooper Koo Family YMCA, an 82,000-sq.-ft. athletic complex with a pool, gym, fitness centre and community facilities.

"The community will always tie back to its athletic beginnings of the Pan Am Games," says Dundee Kilmer president Jason Lester.

Atop the centre is an 11,000-sq.-ft. green roof, which provides more outdoor green space to the community. Lester points out that approximately one-fifth of the developed area will consist of parks and other green space, reminiscent of a European promenade.

"It's unprecedented in terms of its design," he adds.

I'm proud of the work our members have done in building quality, complete communities across the GTA and while I'm excited for the Pan Am Games next year, I'm really looking forward to seeing this project take shape in 2016.

What's hot on the condo market

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1. Downtown

Sales Event: Penthouse suites and Skyloft penthouses at YC condominiums on Yonge St. Canderel is offering penthouse purchasers $10,000 off the price. Sept. 27 and 28 from 12 to 5 p.m. Visit the presentation centre at 717 Bay St.

CONTACT: 416-969-1777, YCCONDOS.COM

2. Lawrence Park

Grand Opening: Tridel's Sherwood at Huntington condominiums at Lawrence Park opens on Sept. 27 from 12 to 6 p.m. Visit the sales centre at 1900 Bayview Ave., in North York.

CONTACT: TRIDEL.COM

3. Downtown

Open House: Two suites at The Mozo downtown condos. Sept. 27 and 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. Head on over to 333 Adelaide St. E.

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4. Forest Hill

Sales Event: The Barrington condominium flats in Forest Hill will be hosting an event on Sept. 27 starting at 10 a.m. Participants are asked to register online. Check out the sales office at the northwest corner of Bathurst and St. Clair.

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Husband swept off his feet by a trio of tiny robotic cleaners

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Bah! Roomba!

iRobot's dust- and dirt-devouring gadgets delight skeptical hubby

LARRY GRZEBINSKI
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My wife is an electronics junkie. If it whizzes, beeps, whirrs and the lights blink, she has to have it.

In this case, them.

We are now the proud surrogate parents of Roomba 880, Scooba 450 and, the runt of the litter, Braava 380t — we just couldn't split up the kids — the latest generation of iRobot floor cleaners.

As with all things electronic, my wife leaves the boxes where I am most likely to trip over them on the off chance I might "hook them up." This process does not eliminate her inherent wealth of knowledge on how they work, how they will be implemented and who will maintain them because "she's seen the video." With this logic she can launch the space shuttle.

I work from home, so I gave in, released the kids from their containers and put them in their respective charging stations.

But truth alert here: I was skeptical.

iRobot has designed these little WALL-Es to do exactly what WALL-E did — clean. In this case, not quite a derelict asteroid but our small tumbledown home. Roomba vacuums, Scooba washes and Braava mops.

Roomba on a roll

Fully charged, I freed Roomba from its docking station. Off he goes in random patterns, under the couches, between chair legs, on rugs, off rugs — he just doesn't quit. I set him close to a set of stairs and he has sensors that won't let him leap to his death. You can control him from his touch pad or from an included remote control.

Although I'm not familiar with his language, I'm pretty sure beep-beep was a call for help when he managed to get stuck under a chair. "Help" and then he just shut down and waited for me to release him. He can be scheduled to clean at a prescribed time and will park himself when he's done — a trait he will eventually teach my wife.

Scooba do

Scooba is my new best friend. She allows you to determine the room size — "I will now clean a small room, OK?" she declares.

Then off she goes, executing a series of pirouettes and then criss-crossing the floor, laying down the cleaning solution and then sucking it all up.

When she's done she gives herself a couple of shakes, then stops. When you lift her up she states, "I've cleaned a small room. Would you like me to clean another room?" And, "Please empty my dirty water container."

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Virtual Wall lighthouses guide Roomba and Scooba through room-to-room cleaning while Virtual Wall barriers confine the kids to a specific room or area.

After a week, I can tell you, these guys pick up a lot of stuff. The Roomba container looks like it manufactured its own fur ball and was only usurped by Scooba's liquid waste. I think she cleaned my driveway.

We will be bonding on a weekly basis.

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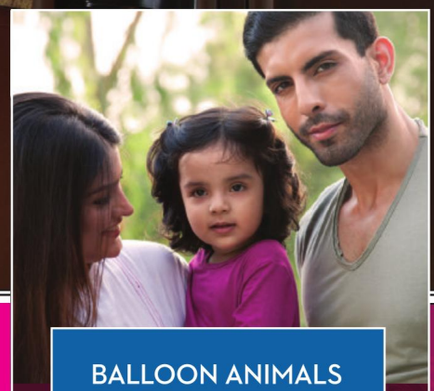

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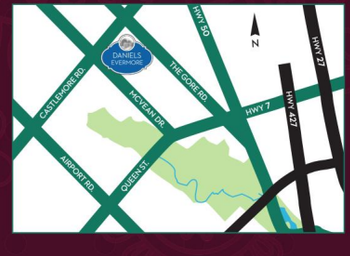

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Decor for shared off-campus digs

Getting your stuff together. Practical decorating solutions for living with housemates include lots of storage and multi-use pieces

For college kids who move off-campus, learning to accommodate the styles and needs of housemates is good practice for life after school.

Take Erica Weidrick and Caitrin Curtis, upperclassmen at the University of North Carolina, who are moving into a new townhouse with a third friend. While they'd all been living together for a year already in a dorm, they wanted some organization and style help with this new arrangement.

Here are some typical problem areas, with advice from two designers on how to solve them:

A wall shelf with hooks and cubbies helps keep things organized. TARGET/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Front door dump

"We all come in and just drop our stuff in a pile, and sometimes mail gets lost or keys disappear — usually when we're late," says Weidrick.

Veronica Valencia, a Los Angeles-based designer and stylist, suggests setting up a bin for each housemate, and not allowing any overflow.

"It's true, we hit the front door and everything we've been hauling all day falls to the floor," says Valencia, who blogs at DesignHunterLA.com.

"If it doesn't fit in the bin, you have to put it away immediately," she says. "I love fabric bins or wood crates. If you have an entry table, consider fabric wrapped magazine boxes, one for each person."

Weidrick and Curtis also liked a wall shelf with hooks and small baskets for keys and mail.

Common area clutter

"The living room is a challenge because that's where we spend most of our time, so it's where most of our junk ends up. It's hard to keep a shared space organized when everyone is coming and going at different times," Curtis says.

What they need is stylish storage where the clutter can hide when company comes.

Valencia's fix: "Two words: Storage ottomans!"

Consider an ottoman in faux leather or suede, with a flip-top tray that can be used as a resting place for TV remotes, phones and snack dishes. Clutter can be scooped inside when the need arises, and, voila! The ottoman provides extra seating.

Trunks in a common living space can serve as mini individual dining tables, storage for blankets and out-of-season items, or as tidy-up receptacles when guests arrive. PBTEEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A living area with trunks and bins is perfect for a shared off-campus home. PBTEEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

M. Elodie Froment, PB Teen's vice-president, product development, suggests using a pair of trunks.

"They're great because you can store extra blankets and other essentials."

Trunks come in a variety of finishes that can appeal to guys and girls.

Common area style

"We all want our shared space to be warm and relaxed, like our bedrooms," says Curtis. "But the living room and kitchen are supposed to be social spots, and it's nice to be able to change the atmosphere from 'just chilling' to 'hosting a party.'"

Valencia's answer is to "think in terms of movable and modular. Add floor pillows so your coffee table can accommodate a study group, and poufs for extra seating on movie night."

She suggests sharing Pinterest inspirations and finding styles and patterns that all the housemates can live with. Your own room's where you'll be able to put your personal stamp.

For common areas, Froment says, "Pick a neutral colour scheme for the larger furniture items, and add splashes of personality with decorative pillows, art and decor. If you're not planning on painting your walls, identify one to decorate with removable wall paper or decals."

If floors are bare, add a rugged nylon rug in a bold geometric or floral. If you can't afford or agree on artwork, the rugs bring pattern to the floor and give rooms a finished feel that's a little more grown-up.

Weidrick and Curtis like ambient lighting that will turn down the stresses of school.

Froment suggests a fun floor lamp, perhaps pairing it with a playful wall light. "Accent with string lights for a soft glow," she says.

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Decorate with decals

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PB Teen vice-president M. Elodie Froment

Bedroom space

In bedrooms, Valencia follows the "3H" rule of organizing: "Hamper, hooks and a hanging closet organizer."

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Mix-and-match mid-century modern

Versatile season. While some styles take the spotlight, there are lots of supporting players

Are you a fan of mid-century modern? Drawn to classic elegance? Does the handicraft of global decor grab you?

There was an era when experts said to pick just one, but now we can mix and match or go all in. Each season brings updated versions of successful pieces, plus an interesting array of new looks.

This fall's no exception.

"Keep an eye out for versatile accent pieces, the kind that can work in a myriad of places, and consider material and colour combinations," says Beth Kushnick, set decorator for CBS's The Good Wife. "These are some of the easiest ways to refresh any space, and there's a ton of stylish options out right now at a range of price points."

After her sophisticated sets drew an online following, Kushnick has created her own furnishings line, which debuts this fall.

She says fall 2014 is about finding pieces that provide maximum impact without a lot of effort.

Some themes this season:

Touch of fall

"Look for texture-rich accessories — like a box with stone inlay or a wooden sculpture — that add an element of nature to your space. Mix in a variety of metals to add a sense of luxury," Kushnick advises.

Says Los Angeles-based designer Trip Haenisch: "I'm seeing a lot of fabrics with luxe textures this season. Linen velvets and woven fabrics are really in. You can quickly and inexpensively incorporate texture into your space through the use of pillows and throws." (triphaenisch.com)

At fall previews, retailers were showing soft throws shot through with metallic threads or embroidered with subtle sequins. Rose gold is the ingenue on the metallics stage; its soft, pink-tinged finish looks new, and you'll see it on tabletop accessories, lamps, even silverware.

Warm brass continues to play a big role, trimming tables, embedded in wooden trays, formed into curvy or linear vases and lamps. It picks up the mid-century vibe but suits traditional spaces, too. Chrome and acrylic hit contemporary high notes.

On ceramics, you'll find reactive and dip glazes, and more matte finishes than ever before.

Mercury glass, a decor darling for the past few seasons, gets a few tweaks with etched patterns and added colour.

Style signposts

After a few seasons in a supporting role, mid-century modern takes the lead this fall and winter. Accent chairs are armless or lower-profile, and furniture has either a California-chic or Danish-modern vibe.

New York furniture studio Miles & May has a collection of dressers and cabinets at West Elm in walnut veneer, and that finish is also on the Grasshopper office desk. (westelm.com)

Upholstered furniture gets its shirt tucked in. No more slouchy, sloppy slipcovers — the newest pieces tend toward trim and tight, but in comfier, softer fabrics.

We're seeing a lot of side and coffee tables with metal legs. West Elm's Waldorf coffee table is a slim rosewood slab perched on skinny brass legs. Cyan Designs' Portman end tables are lacy, laser-cut iron drums. You'll see faceted pieces across the accessory spectrum, in mirrors, containers and trays.

Pop culture from the '70s and '80s shows up in vibrant retro-print pillows, furniture and accents. Check out Jonathan Adler's sherbet-hued Brigitte chair and Holli Zollinger's upbeat woven rugs for Deny Designs. (jonathanadler.com; denydesigns.com)

Global tribal motifs maintain a powerful presence, with India, the Americas and Africa strongly represented. World Market's got a collection of well-priced round, carved tribal tables. (worldmarket.com)

In bedding, drapery, rug and upholstery fabrics, look for more new woodblock, paisley and medallion prints.

Ikat, kantha print and medallions grace textile collections at Pottery Barn, and there are Mexican tile print ceramics there too. (potterybarn.com)

Accessories like carved animals, woven art, sculpted paper and ceramic vases, and ironwork and glass items draw from distant cultures.

Vintage-style globes, steamer trunks, map art and travel advertising continue to interest home decorators. There's herringbone, tweed, plaid, Fair Isle knit patterns and lots of new takes on faux fur — Nordic and Danish designs in textiles as well as kitchen and dining items.

The rustic romantic look also has staying power, with outdoorsy pursuits informing everything from art to dishware. Native American motifs have graphic style; DGoods crafts a trio of wood nesting tables with a design reminiscent of a Navajo blanket. (purehome.com)

Look for feathers, camper vans, arrows, foxes and trees, and expect this look to be represented in holiday decor as well. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Colour salute

Play with colour, set decorator Beth Kushnick urges.

- "There are some gorgeous greys and subtle greens out this fall, and 2014's radiant orchid and coral add a lush pop almost anywhere," she says. "You can make a big splash just by updating a wall colour or bringing in a few vibrant accent pieces."
- You'll also see carrot, purple, lemongrass, ochre, clove, molasses and olive in throw pillows, bedding and upholstery.

The Varick chandelier is as much a sculptural piece as it is lighting, with its constellation of industrial-type fittings housing vintage-look filament bulbs. RESTORATION HARDWARE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A pendant fixture in a pierced warm metallic would make a pretty accent light for a kitchen island or entryway. Pierced metal is one of the stronger style points for this fall and winter. WEST ELM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Foucault's orb in rustic iron encircles a traditional glass chandelier. This juxtaposition of styles is a trend in lighting this fall. RESTORATION HARDWARE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Finn sofa is offered in nubby wools, velvets, suede and chenille. A more buttoned-up approach to upholstery reflects the mid-century vibe, but we're seeing softer materials. WEST ELM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Clover coffee table takes an iconic mid-century shape and is available in a variety of finishes, including red and teal blue. WEST ELM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Grasshopper desk has a walnut veneer and slender legs that give it a mid-century dash of style. WEST ELM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Faceted decor is a big part of fall 2014. The Stria vase collection's hallmark is a graphic faceted shape. WAYFAIR.COM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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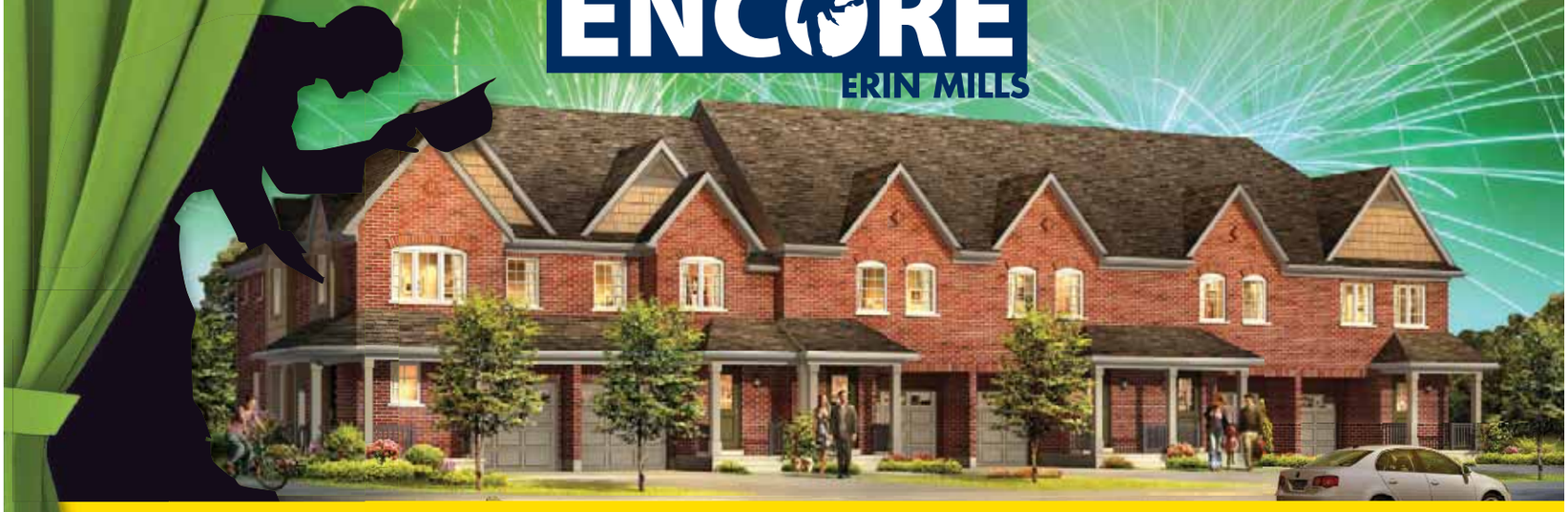

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Handy milk carafe

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Manual option

Breville Oracle BES980XL, $2,300
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Café flavour

Verismo 600, $149
High-pressure bars allow for better brewing flavour (in which Blonde roast is a Canadian fave for at-home brewers). The machine is compatible with the Starbucks coffee capsules for a true café taste — even at home. Starbucks.ca

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Tony Stewart

Grand jury decides against charges

After more than six weeks in limbo, NASCAR star Tony Stewart finally got the news he had been hoping for.

A grand jury that heard testimony from more than two dozen witnesses, including accident reconstruction experts and drivers, and looked at photographs and video decided against bringing criminal charges against Stewart for the death of 20-year-old sprint car driver Kevin Ward Jr. during an Aug. 9 race.

That doesn't mean it's over.

A few hours after Ontario County District Attorney Michael Tantillo announced the grand jury's decision, the Ward family indicated in a statement that they will seek civil damages in the young driver's death.

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NHL pre-season

Maple Leafs fall twice to Senators

Bobby Ryan scored twice to lead the Ottawa Senators to a 3-2 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs in pre-season action Wednesday night in Ottawa.

It was a split squad game as the two teams were also playing in Toronto.

Matt Puempel scored a power-play goal and Craig Anderson stopped 20 shots for the Senators.

Sam Carrick and Morgan Rielly scored for the Leafs. Antoine Bibeau allowed two goals on 18 shots while Cal Heeter, who came in midway through the second, allowed one goal on 17 shots.

In Toronto, the Leafs got goals from Nazem Kadri, Jake Gardiner and James van Riemsdyk, but blew a 3-1 lead in the third and lost 4-3 in a shootout. THE CANADIAN PRESS

On Wednesday, Jermain Defoe spoke to reporters for the first time since returning England where he was nursing an injury. COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Defoe to fans: 'I'm fully committed'

MLS. Star striker says transfer rumours just part of soccer; excited to help TFC playoff push

After weeks of rumour and speculation about his future in MLS, star striker Jermain Defoe presented his side of the story Wednesday.

Bottom line? The 31-year-old English international says he is happy to be back in Toronto and any transfer talk was out of his hands.

Toronto FC has acknowledged turning down a franchise-record bid for Defoe at the closing of the summer transfer window and the talk did not stop there. Such speculation, said Defoe, is part of the game.

"In England, it's normal — where there's speculation about players leaving, players going ... At the end of the day, I'm still a TFC player and I'm totally committed to the cause," he said Wednesday in his first public comments since returning from England where he had been nursing a groin injury.

"For me it was sort of like 'Oh here we go again,"' he added. "It was just normal. I didn't really pay too much attention to it because I think my main focus was trying to get fit. People that know me, they know I love playing football and I find it really it difficult to be on the sidelines. Especially at such a crucial time, pushing for the playoffs. I want to be involved, I want to score goals, I want to push the club forward."

It was a polished 17-1/2-minute solo performance from Defoe in the upstairs lounge at TFC's training centre. Defoe shrugged off help from handlers in advance, saying he knew what he wanted to say.

"I never came out anyway and said I wanted to leave," Defoe said.

One suspects Defoe's agent did not sit on his hands during the transfer window and who can blame him. Goal-scoring strikers are always in demand.

Still Defoe single-handedly managed to stuff the transfer genie back into the bottle, at least for a while.

"I don't know what's going to happen in the future. All I can say to the fans is I'm fully committed," he said.

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Displaying patience

Jermain Defoe is back, but not yet fully healthy.

- He ran Tuesday, only the second time since the injury, and said there was no negative reaction. He did some work in the gym Wednesday and hopes to be back in full training Monday. An Oct. 4 game against the Galaxy in Los Angeles seems the first possible return date.

Mark Buehrle reached the 200-inning mark again after pitching into the ninth inning on Wednesday against the Mariners. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB. Buehrle says goodbye with a blitz

Mark Buehrle was dominant over eight-plus innings and Ryan Goins drove in Munenori Kawasaki with the game's only run as the Blue Jays defeated the Seattle Mariners 1-0 on Wednesday night at Rogers Centre.

Kawasaki drew a one-out walk on Seattle starter Taijuan Walker (2-3) in the eighth inning. After an Anthony Gose strikeout, Goins hit a blooper into shallow right-centre field that allowed Kawasaki to score all the way from first base.

Buehrle (13-10), who reached the 200-inning mark for the 14th straight season, started the ninth but was pulled after giving up a leadoff single to Chris Taylor. He struck out 10 while allowing three hits and a walk.

Aaron Sanchez picked off pinch-runner James Jones at first base and got the next two outs for his third save. Toronto (81-77) is playing spoiler to the fading Mariners (83-75) who have dropped five in a row.

Seattle is now three games out of a wild-card spot while Toronto was mathematically eliminated on Tuesday night.

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4 SPORTS

Ryder Cup. Will Fergie's 'trance' work for Europe?

Just in case Rory McIlroy needed any more motivation to beat the United States in the Ryder Cup, he found the right man to fire him up.

McIlroy said he was in a "trance" as the Europe team received a pep talk from Alex Ferguson, who guided Manchester United to 13 Premier League titles and is considered Britain's greatest soccer manager.

The No. 1-ranked McIlroy, a United supporter who showed off the claret jug — the British Open trophy — at Old Trafford last month, sounded like a star-struck kid.

"I was just sitting there and looking up at him and I didn't take my eyes off him," the four-time major winner said on Wednesday, two days before Europe starts its defence of the Ryder Cup at Gleneagles in Scotland. "I was sort of in this trance just listening to everything that he was saying."

Ferguson, a Scot who retired last year after 26 seasons at United, spoke to the Europe team for about 30 minutes on Tuesday night.

Ferguson spoke about how his teams thrived as favourites, turning Old Trafford into a fortress. He said Europe should feel the same in Scotland.

"He talked a bit about that. We're slight favourites for a reason," McIlroy said.

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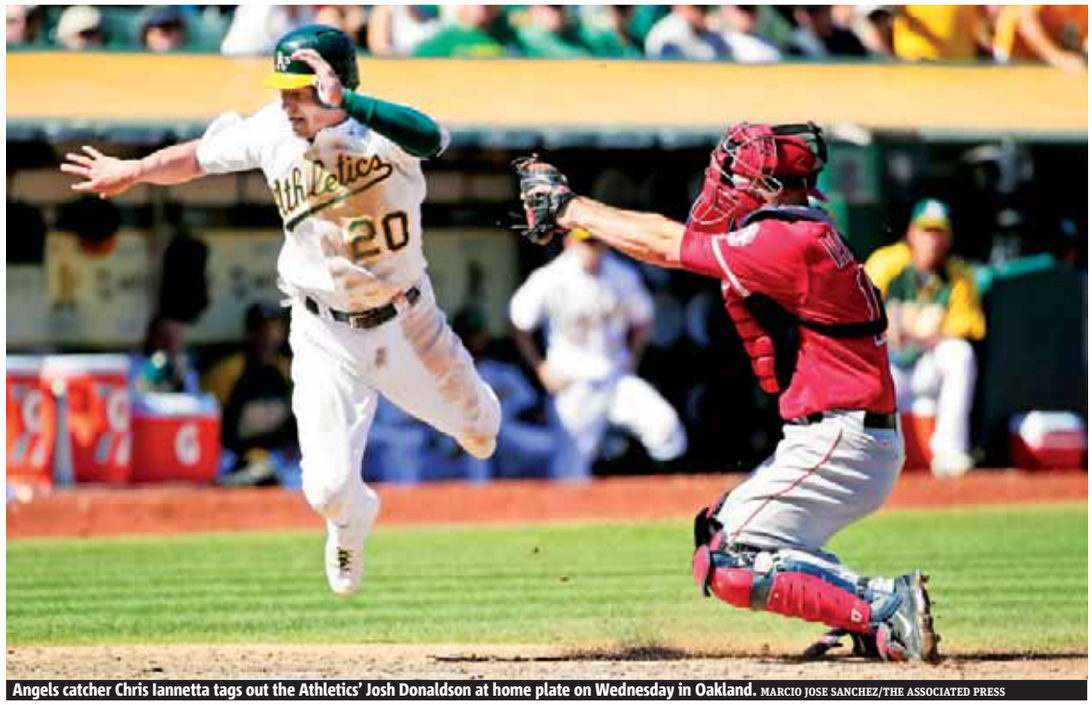
Accepting expectations

"We've played well this year. It's not something we should shy away from. It's something that we should embrace." Rory McIlroy on Europe being slight favourites at this year's Ryder Cup

Status update: City still real good

Man City's Frank Lampard takes a selfie with a supporter after scoring twice in Wednesday's 7-0 League Cup win over Sheffield in Manchester, England. Scan the image with your Metro News app for more League Cup and European soccer action. MICHAEL STEELE/GETTY IMAGES



Angels catcher Chris Iannetta tags out the Athletics' Josh Donaldson at home plate on Wednesday in Oakland. MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A's hit the road for crucial final series

Down the stretch. After falling to Los Angeles, Oakland clings to wild-card spot with set at Texas ahead

On Wednesday

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More luggage than usual piled up outside the Oakland Coliseum on Wednesday as the playoff-hopeful Athletics prepared for an uncertain road trip with no set return date.

Best-case scenario they would return home for a wild card game Tuesday. The A's might have to head to Kansas City for the one-game playoff, then perhaps on to the AL division series if all goes well.

First, it's an important four-game, season-ending series in Texas, where the A's hope to find themselves after a 5-4 loss to the AL West champion Los Angeles Angels that concluded the home schedule on a puzzling low note.

"We know who we are. We've all been here long enough," Josh Reddick said. "We know what's going on. We've just got to figure it out. We've got to start doing something, or we're going to find ourselves in a spot where we don't want to be, and it's going to be something depressing."

The A's entered the day tied with Kansas City for the top AL wild card. The Royals played at Cleveland later Wednesday. Seattle began the day three games behind for the second wild-card spot.

Howie Kendrick doubled and drove in three runs for the Angels, who wrap up the regular season at Seattle.

Los Angeles (98-61) maintained its lead over Baltimore (95-63) for the best record in baseball. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Next One? No. 99 goes from Great One to grandpa

The Great One is going to be a grandfather.

Wayne Gretzky's daughter Paulina announced Tuesday on her Instagram account that she and pro golfer fiancée Dustin Johnson are expecting their first child.

The 25-year-old posted a photo of herself cradling her belly, with the caption: "@djohnsonpga & i are so excited to finally share with you all our amazing news.. we're having a baby!!"

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Paulina Gretzky is the oldest of Wayne and Janet Gretzky's five children. GETTY IMAGES

Too soon? Stepan takes two steps back with break

New York Rangers centre Derek Stepan has broken his lower left leg during a conditioning drill.

The 24-year-old Stepan missed a scrimmage on Sunday and pre-season game on Monday with a leg injury.

After several X-rays, he was cleared to take part in fitness testing on Wednesday.

Rangers coach Alain Vigneault says Stepan got hurt despite three X-rays and "feeling really good the last 48 hours." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Rangers say it's unclear how long Derek Stepan will be sidelined with a broken leg. GETTY IMAGES

Derek Jeter. Mr. November won't get past September

All that's left for Derek Jeter to do is say goodbye.

Right now, though, the captain is still stewing over a lost season.

New York was eliminated from playoff contention Wednesday, wasting a three-run lead in a 9-5 loss to Nelson Cruz and the AL East champion Baltimore Orioles.

"It's tough. It's what you play for. It's a rough feeling," Jeter said.

Jeter went 0-for-4.

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Derek Jeter is slated to play his final home game on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

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	3		7		2		1	
		8				7		
		6	8		1	3		
3								5
		7	6		9	8		
		1				6		
	7		3		6		4	
5			4		8			2

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	1	9	7	6	2	3	5	8
6	8	2	3	5	1	9	4	7
3	7	5	8	9	4	2	1	6
9	6	7	5	2	3	4	8	1
1	3	4	6	7	8	5	9	2
2	5	8	4	1	9	6	7	3
5	2	3	1	4	7	8	6	9
8	4	1	9	3	6	7	2	5
7	9	6	2	8	5	1	3	4

Write as many three or more letter words as possible with these letters
A U A C B S
CANADA'S SMARTEST PERSON
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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Uranus in your sign can at times make you feel a bit tense but today's link to Jupiter, planet of good fortune, will chill you out no end. Partners and loved ones will see the difference in your attitude, and respond in kind.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
There is a rational explanation for everything that happens but sometimes things happen that make you wonder if there is not more going on. Keep your mind open over the next day.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
A wonderful aspect between the heavyweight planets Jupiter and Uranus means you are in tune with the spirit of the times, so sing along and find fun in everything you do.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
The choices you make over the next few days will have a major impact on your social or professional reputation, so make them wisely. Above all don't let other people rush you into cutting corners.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Something you said a while back was taken out of context and a rival is now using it against you. Set the record straight today. They need to be reminded that no one, but no one, gets the better of Leo.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you try to talk your way out of trouble today chances are you won't succeed. If, however, you admit you made a mistake, you will be forgiven with no questions asked.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may seem calm and confident on the outside but deep down you fear the worst. The good news is that whatever it is that has got you so worried will be out of your life by the end of the day. So lighten up.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Domestic and work arrangements may change at a moment's notice today, but that's OK. You are adaptable enough to change with them and make it all seem effortless.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may recently have lost something of value but what you gain over the next few days will more than make up for it. Change does not have to be a bad thing.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Partnership problems may be causing you concern but don't fear. Certain relationships have fallen into a rut and need to be revitalized. What is painful in the short-term will be useful in the long-term.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Uranus, your ruler, is brilliantly aligned with luck planet Jupiter today, so how can you possibly lose? You can't, so decide what you most want to do then give it your best shot. You'll succeed.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
The planets suggest you are about to make a momentous decision, the kind that could change the whole course of your life. But are you making it for the right reasons? Make sure you answer that honestly.

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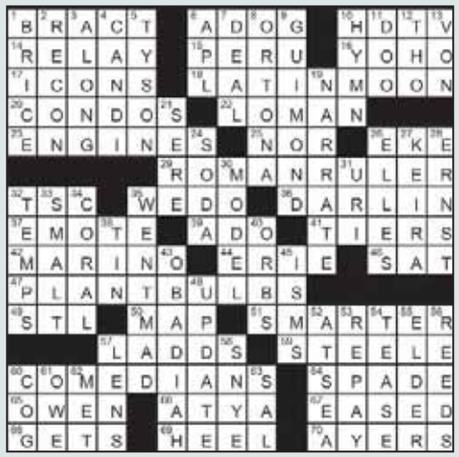

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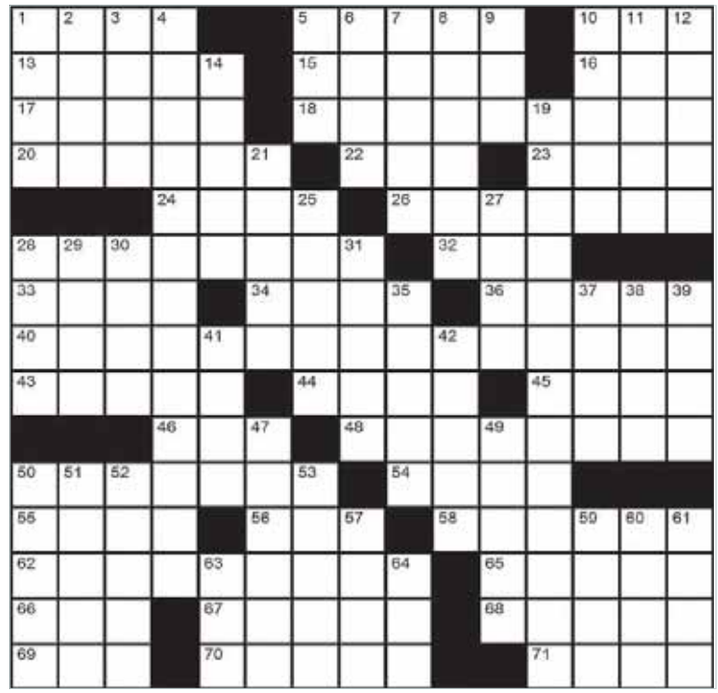

Across

1. Get an '_' __ effort
5. Impede, in law
10. Blue
13. French novelist Victor, and surnamesakes
15. Scenic suffix to 'Sea'
16. Pressure meas.
17. Insurance __
18. Lady Gaga hit: 2 wds.
20. Capital of Argentina, __ Aires
22. Montreal 1976: Nadia's number
23. Demonstration disturbance
24. Welsh actor Mr. Gruffudd
26. Stand-ins for monarchs
28. Arfer like Farley in Canuck comic strip For Better or For Worse
32. Hideaway
33. Per
34. Book of __ (Old Testament book)
36. Pinnacles
40. Marvel's Wolverine character: 2 wds.
43. Actress Madeleine
44. Dollop
45. Queens __ (Street in Toronto's waterfront)
46. Mary __ (Cosmetics company)
48. Causes confusion/chaos
50. Restrictive stairway
19. St. Boniface, Winnipeg's __ __
21. Anwar __ (Former Egyptian President)
25. __ _ _ _ added (Restaurant declaration)
27. Equipment
28. Tiny terms
29. High society, __ monde
30. Prefix meaning 'Outer'
31. Toronto-born pianist Glenn
35. Bungle
37. "Start __ __" by The Rolling Stones
38. 'E' in QED
39. Some beans [var. sp]
41. Shipshape
42. Actor Buddy
47. "__ Submarine" by The Beatles
49. Monetary units in Oman
50. Tastes
51. __ Setter (Woof!)
52. Not shiny, as foundation
53. "Cheers" character
57. Cut
59. Tunesmith Laura
60. Composer Mr. Berlin, et al.
61. On the Atlantic
63. "__ about time!"
64. Sept.'s follower
54. George Lucas heroine
55. Persia, now
56. 51s ...ancient Rome style
58. C.S. Lewis fantasy land
62. Vancouver neighbourhood
65. Buzz of "Toy Story" (1995), et al.
66. East: French
67. Gin and __
68. Cater to
69. "__ sells seashells..."
70. "__ Away" (2002) starring Madonna
71. Artist Ms. Bonheur (b.1822 - d.1899)

Down

1. Captain in 1956's "Moby Dick"
2. Particular pufferfish
3. S-shaped moulding
4. Rocker from Arkansas, an Honorary Officer of the Order of Canada: 2 wds.
5. Second sight, shortly
6. Glaswegian
7. Census __
8. Premiered
9. For each
10. Madrid's locale
11. Tie type
12. Cuts out sugar, perhaps
14. Brownstone

Answers: Q1: BAngry, Q2: 21 possible

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